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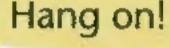
hite-water rafting down the Congo River in search of lost treasure in the jungle. Now that's adventure!

Soaring high above the mountaintops with Baloo and his Tail Spin mates on another exciting mission. That's adventure!

Gazing through a telescope at the Milky Way on a clear cool night, traveling the world over and meeting new friends, or even discovering the hidden secrets in your own backyard. That's adventure, too.

Finding out about neat new gadgets, real kid heroes, terrific new sports and games, and news from all over the place.... That's all adventure.

And that's what we'll deliver on every page of each issue of DISNEY ADVENTURES.



Mary-comics editor



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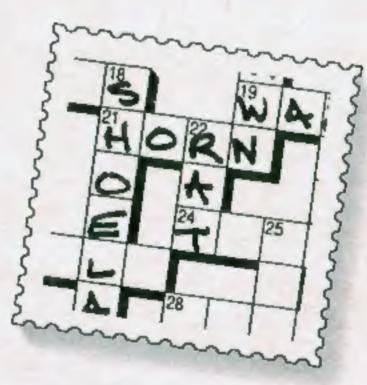
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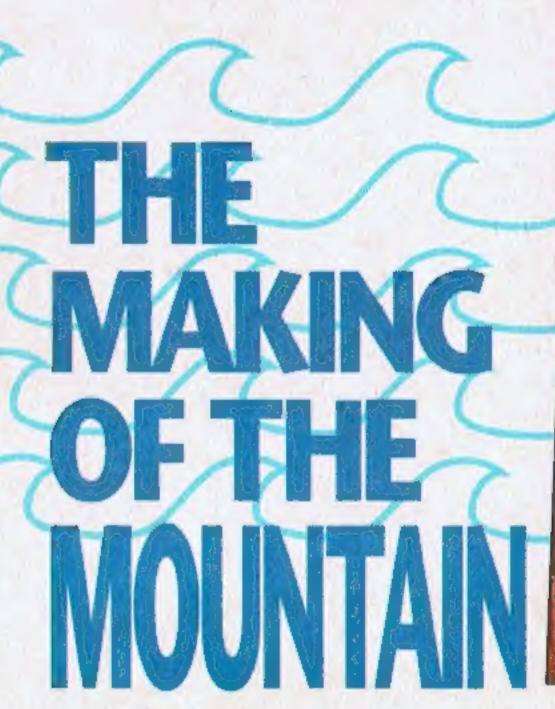
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Splash Mountain, one of Disney's most popular rides, started making waves in 1983. Ride designer Tony Baxter (now in charge of designing the new EuroDisney in France) was the man with the wet idea.

"What if we build a log flume (a channel with water running through it) ride at Disneyland based on the adventures of Brer Rabbit?" Tony's simple question sent dozens of talented designers, sketch artists, writers

and model builders racing around to create Splash Mountain.

The ride opened six years later in the "Critter Country" section of the amusement park, where the mountain has been making a splash ever since. Here are some behind-the-scenes "Splash Facts":

—There are 50 hollowed-out "logs" that hold six to seven passengers each and travel for almost half a mile!

### SIDE DISNEY INSIDE DISNEY INSIDE DISI

Look for a new TV series called Disney Afternoon in September featuring the new Tail Spin. The 1940 Disney classic Fantasia will be re-released on October 5 to celebrate its 50th anniversary.



—Splash Mountain is 12 feet TALLER than Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle.

—The ride is constructed entirely out of concrete (even the trees) to resist the harmful effects of the water.

—And just how much water is this? At any one point per minute, there are 20,000 gallons of water flowing in the ride! The total reservoir capacity is 475,000 gallons—as much water as a small lake!

-Imagine jumping from a five-story building. This is what it's like on Splash Mountain's final plunge into the Briar Patch. You reach a top speed of more than 40 miles an hour that's about the speed limit around your town.

—Splash Mountain has the largest animated prop ever—a gigantic showboat that carries 21 animated characters.

- Bob Laubacher

## INSIDE DISNEY INSIDE DISNEY INSIDE

The album "Minnie 'n Me" with 10-year-old Christa Larson debuts August 28.

Look for the classic The Prince and the Pauper short before the Rescuers Down Under movie.

## MAIL MAIL MAIL MAIL

I caught
this flounder
in Sabine Lake
in Port Arthur, Texas.
It was the
first time I
had ever been
fishing. I got



lucky and caught this fish. With this fish I outfished my uncle.

> Tyson Dillow Bridge City, Texas

Hi! I live in Phoenix, Arizona and we love to wear neons such as shorts, tops, and short pants. Also we like to wear white.

Because of the sun's rays shining down on our state we have to play it cool.

Out here we like to go roller skating and ice skating (especially in hot weather), listen to music and watch movies. But we are usually at the mall.

My favorite female singer is Paula Abdul. My favorite male singer is Bobby Brown. I have two favorite rock groups. They are The New Kids on the Block and Young M.C.

Stephanie Hathaway Phoenix, Arizona

Here are some things we would like to see in a magazine: Interviews with Alyssa Milano, Candace Cameron, Milli Vanilli, Michael Jordan, and The New Kids on the Block.

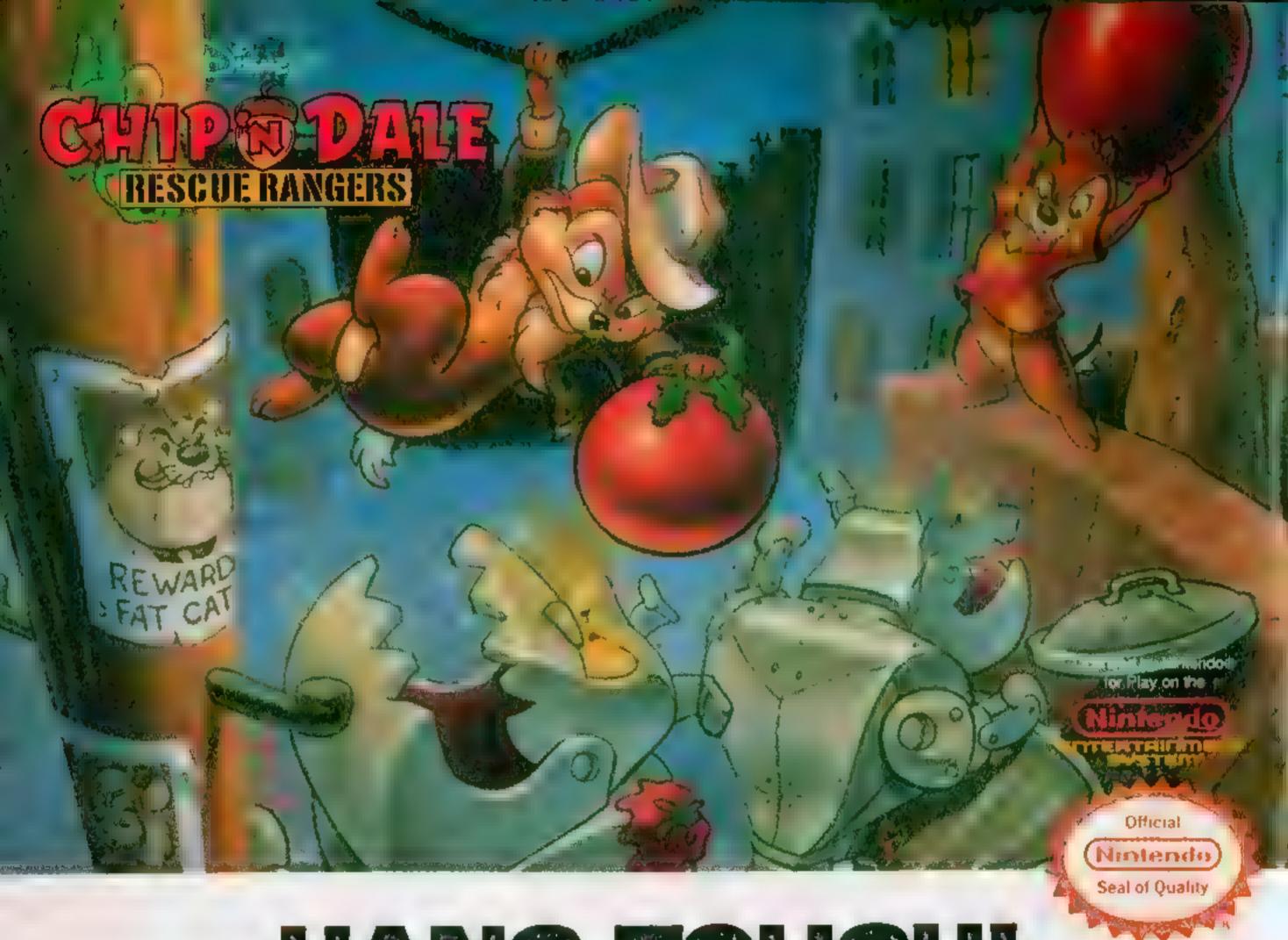
We would also like an advice column, puzzles, jokes, games, contests for kids, information about how Disney was made and who the real characters are.

We also want information about new movies coming out, articles about baseball and basketball, updates on the latest Nintendo games, comics, mysteries, and secret codes.

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## HANG TOUGH! BE A RESCUE RANGER.

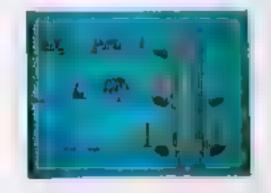


Join Chip 'n
Dale's
RESCUE
RANGERS to
thwart Fat Cat's
evil attempt to

take control of the city.

Chip 'n Dale, those pint sized but courageous Disney Detectives, have received another desperate call for help.

The evil Fat
Cat has kidnapped their
friend



Gadget.. his sinister goalto use her inventions to take over the city!

Journey from the darkest depths of the slimy sewers to the electrifying heights of live telephone wires!

Defend yourself against Fat Cat's army



of henchmen and robotic creations.

Many challenges lie ahead of you- avoid mechanical dogs, hawk

bombers and killer bees. Play alone or with a friend to

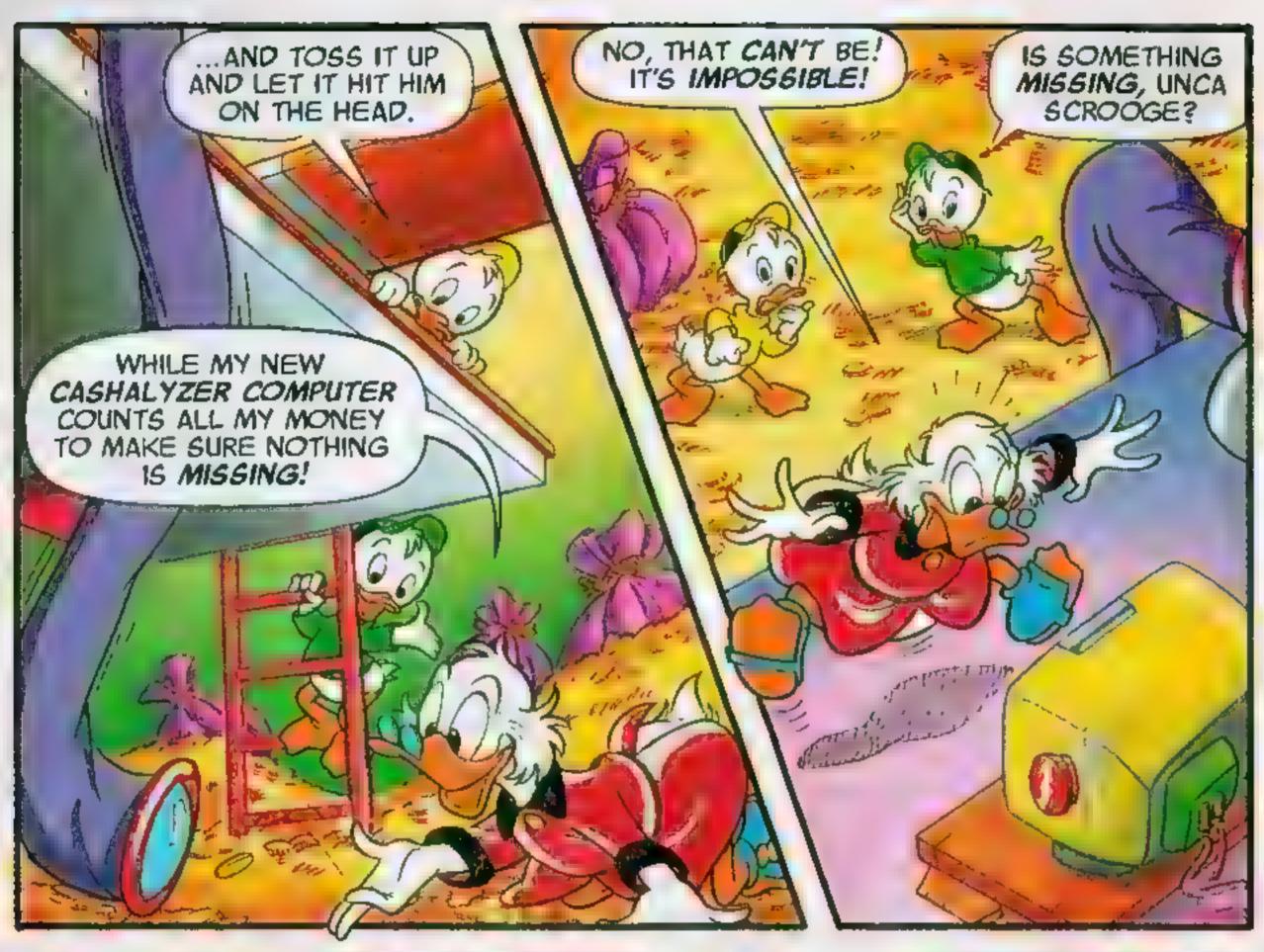
locate Fat Cat's headquarters and thwart his diabolical scheme!

Join Monterey Jack,
 Zipper, and Gadget in this action-packed adventure!

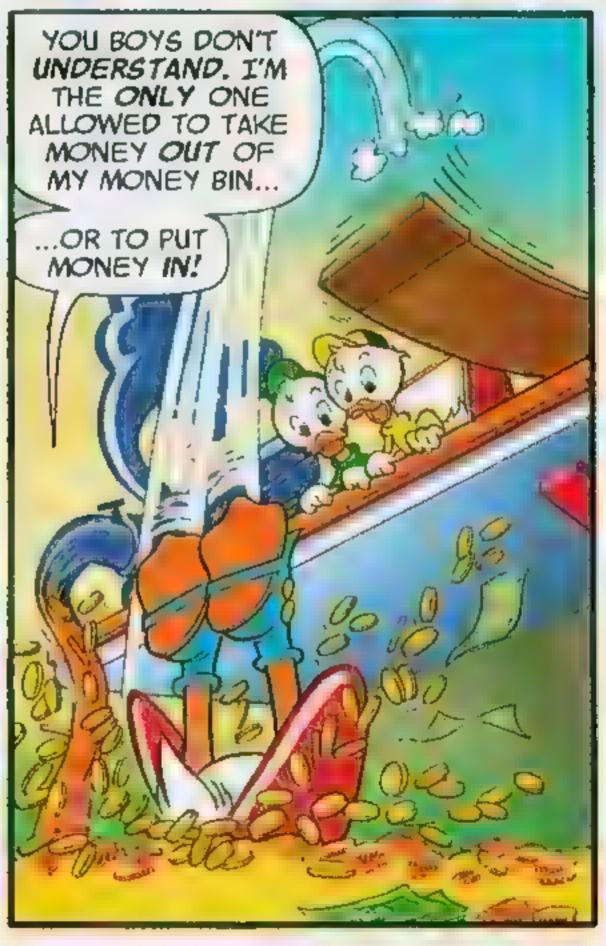


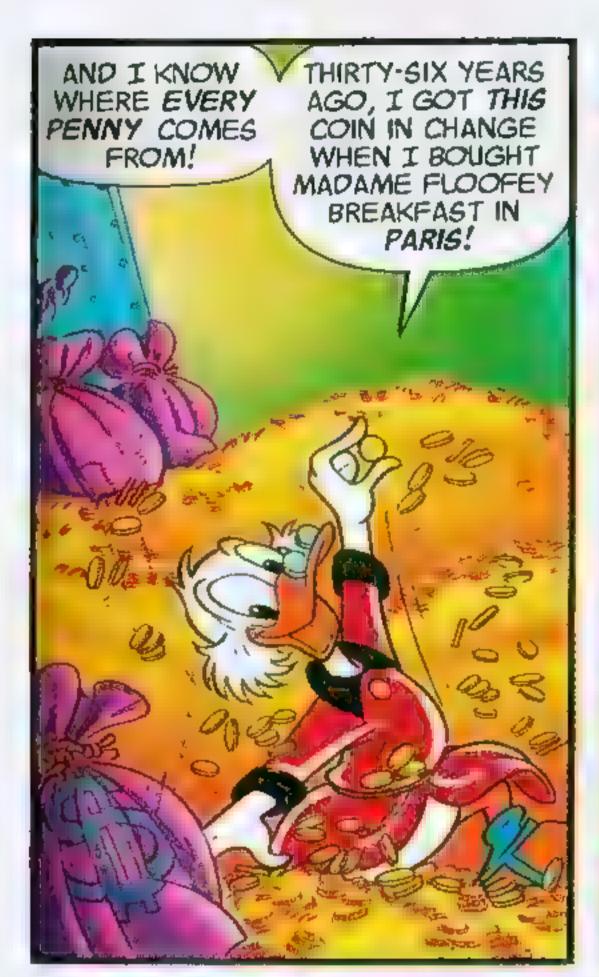
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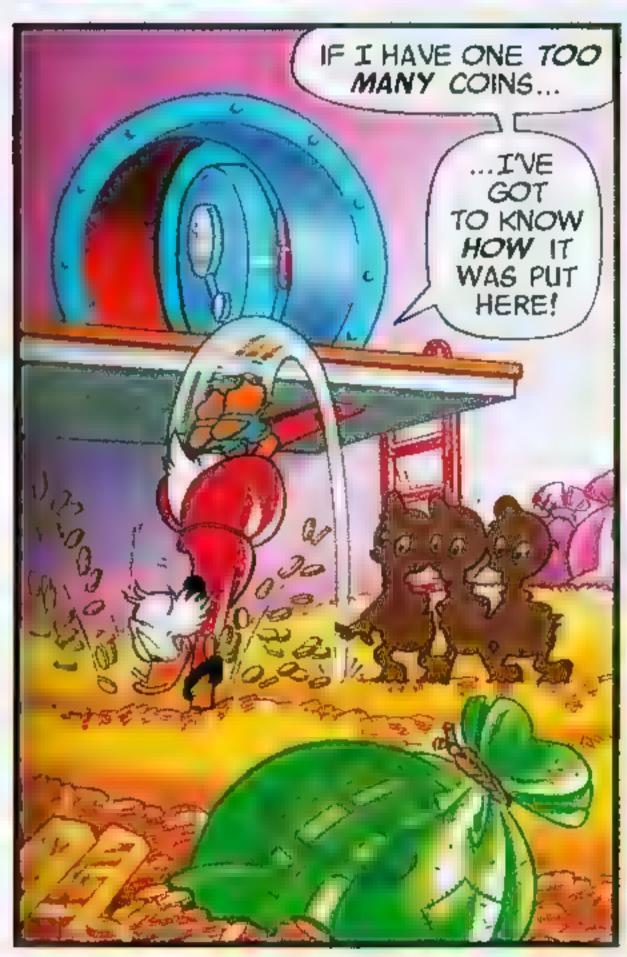


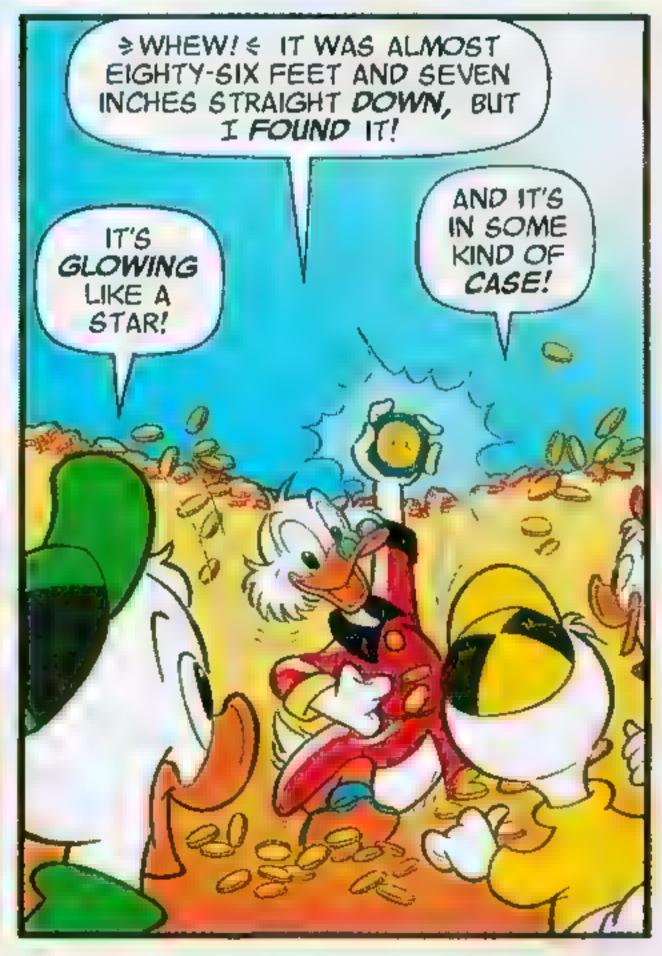


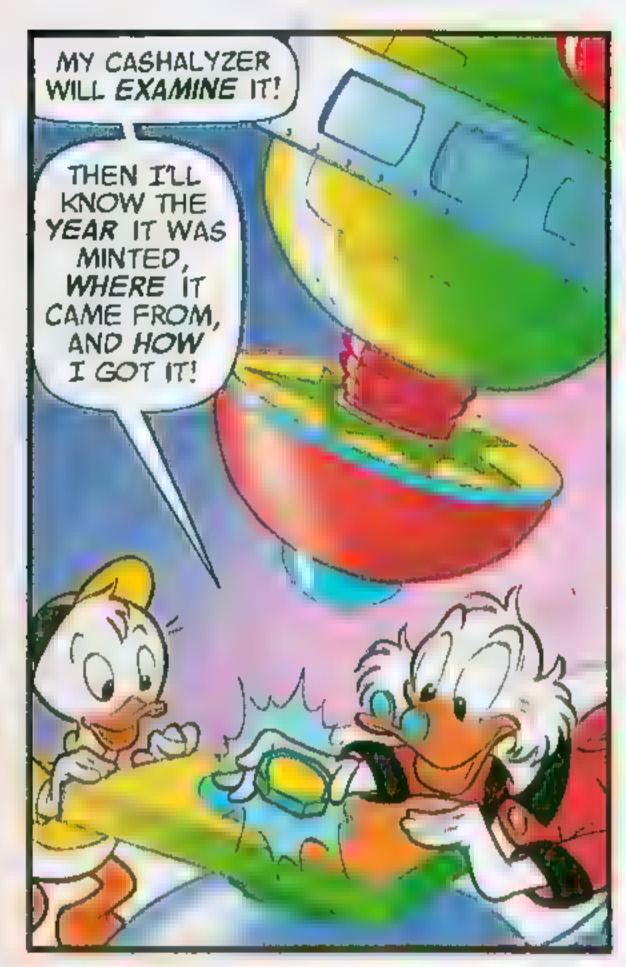


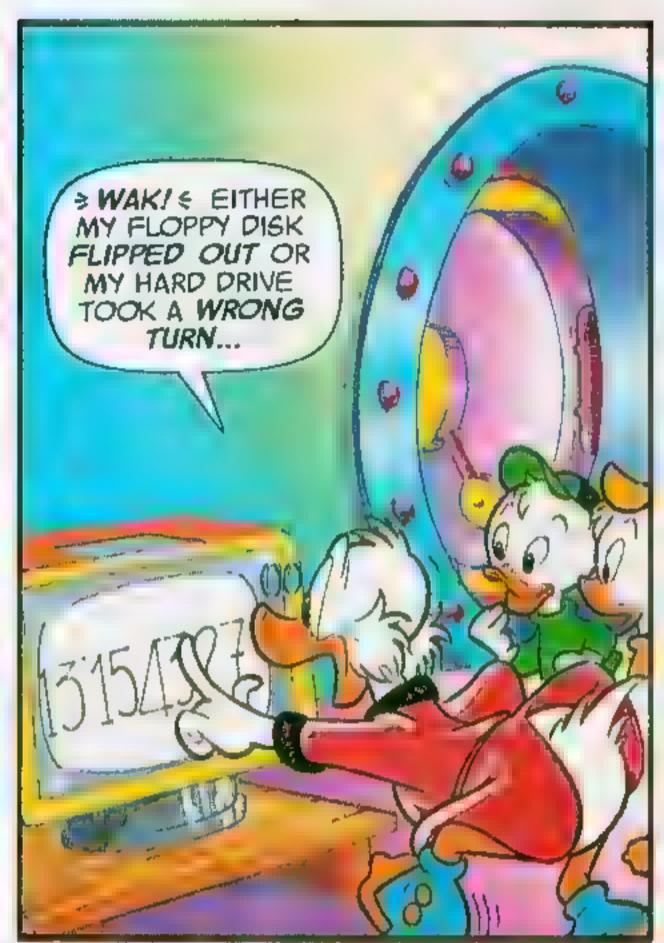










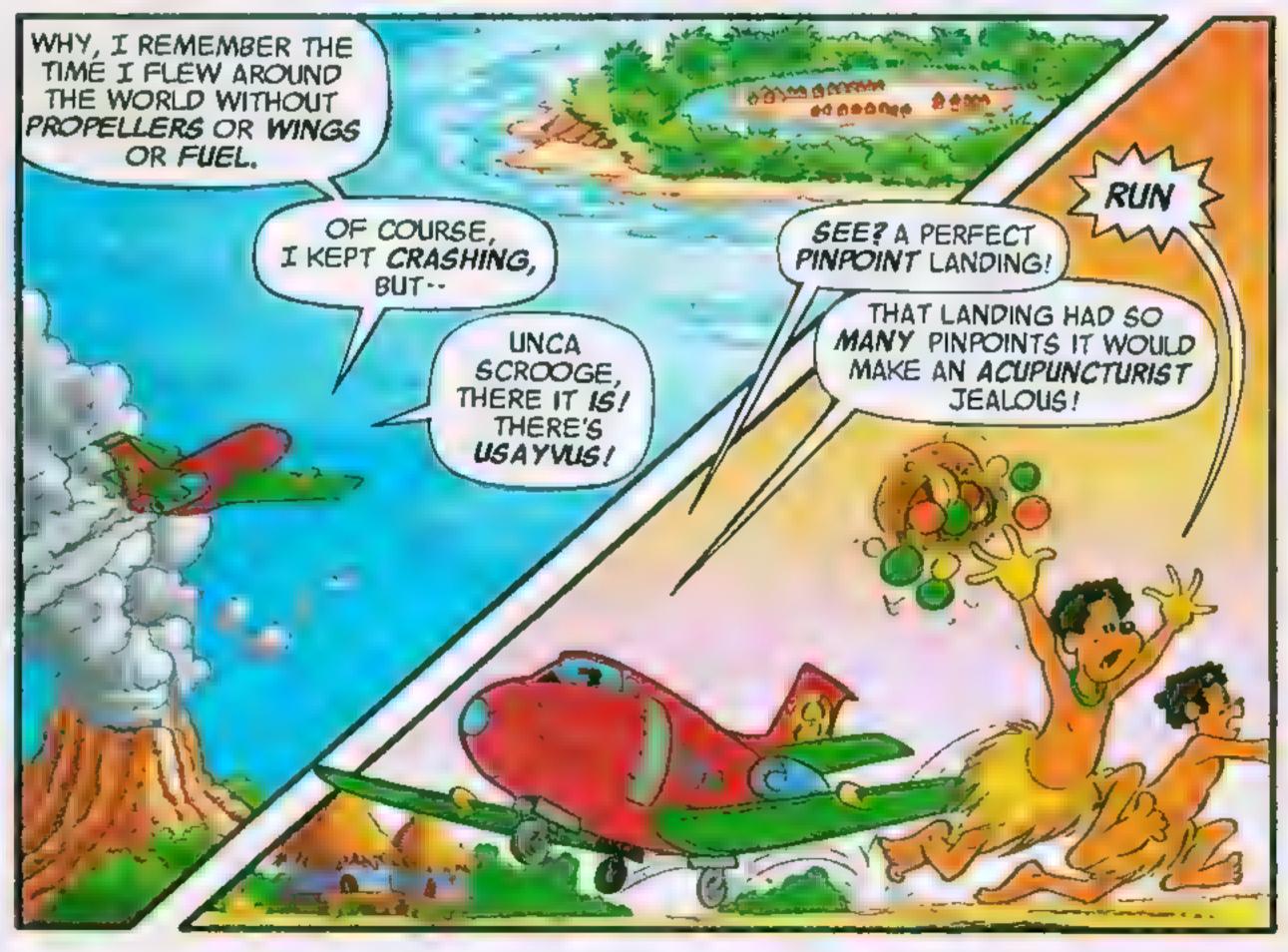




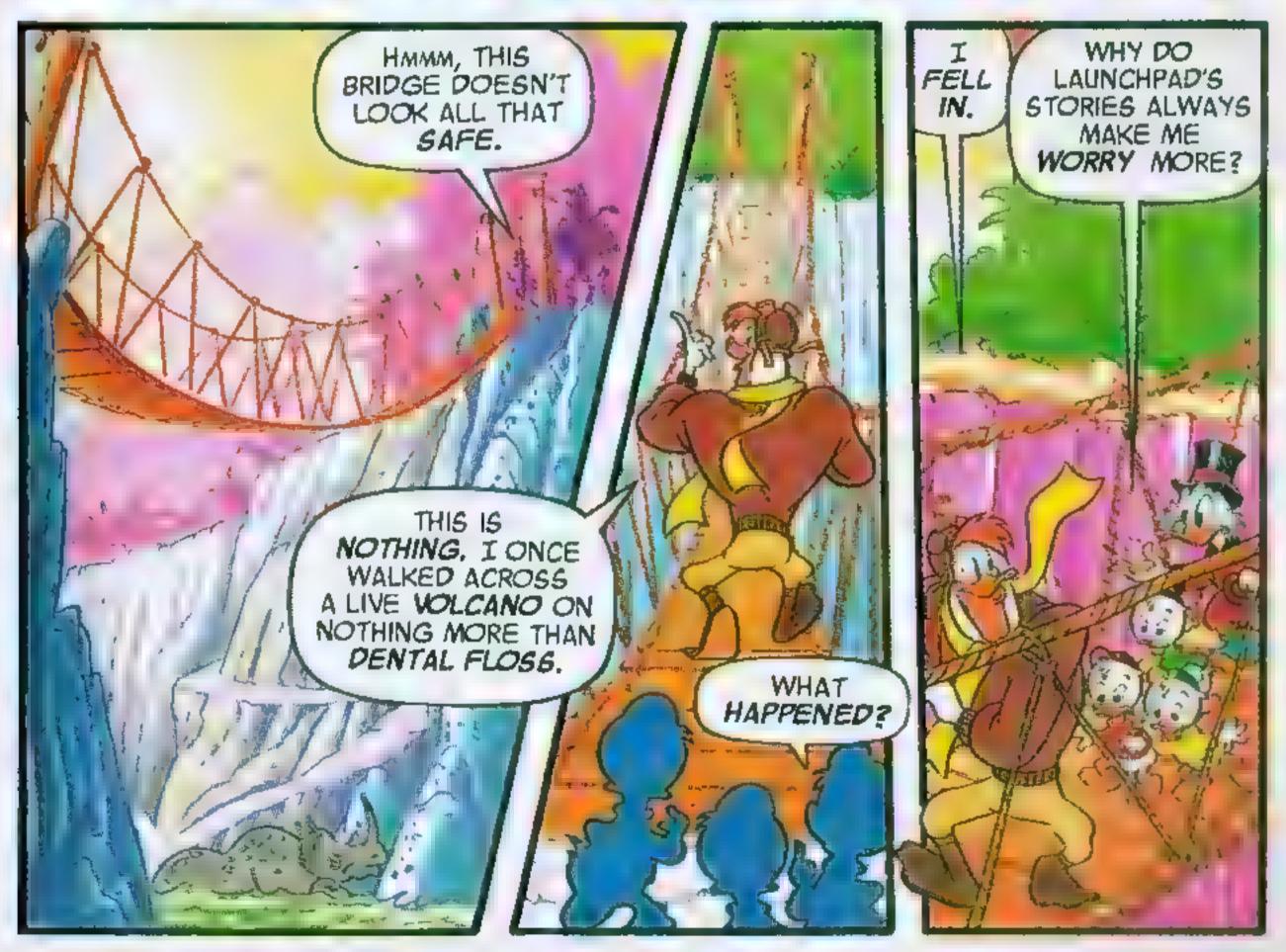






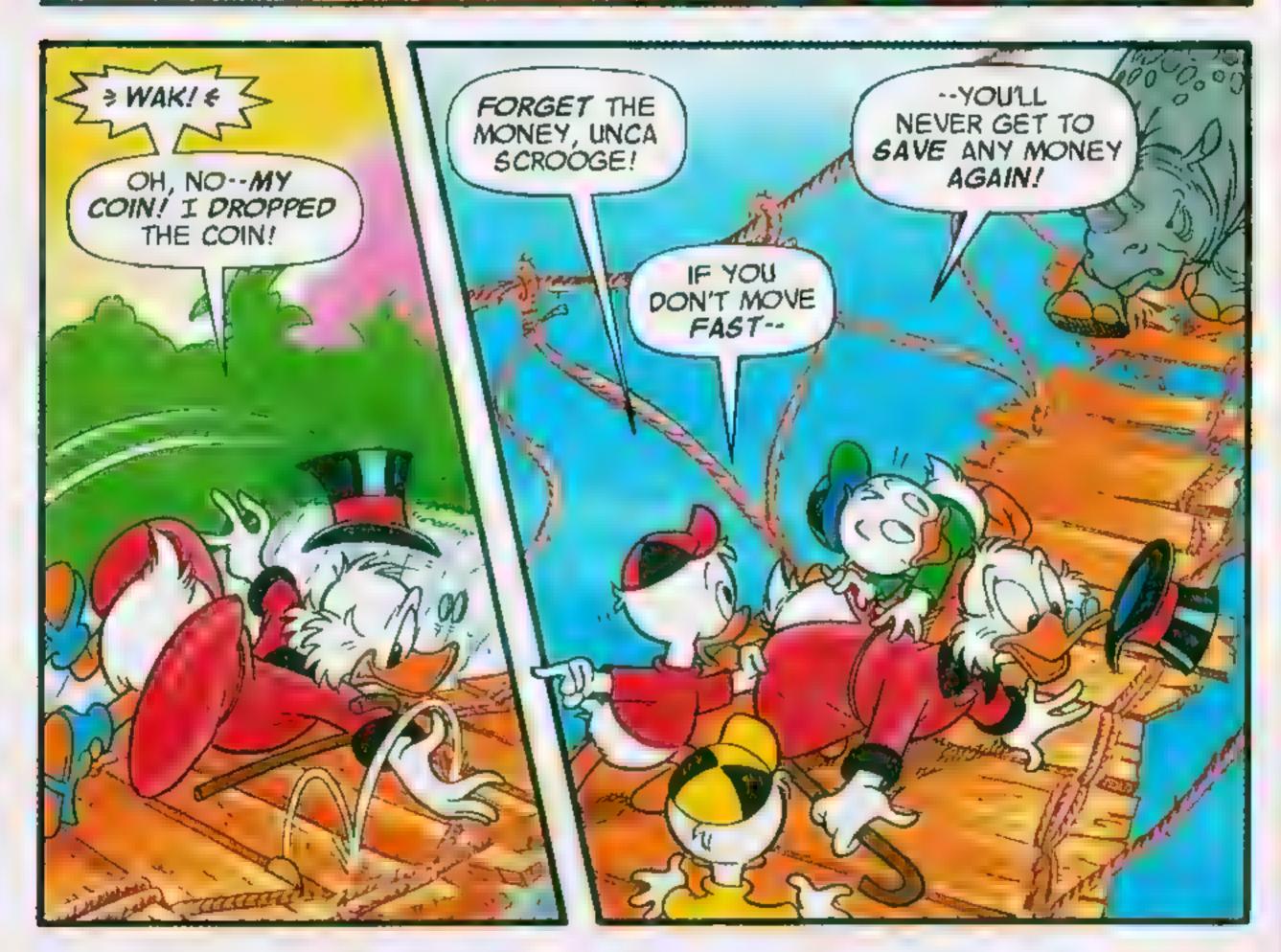




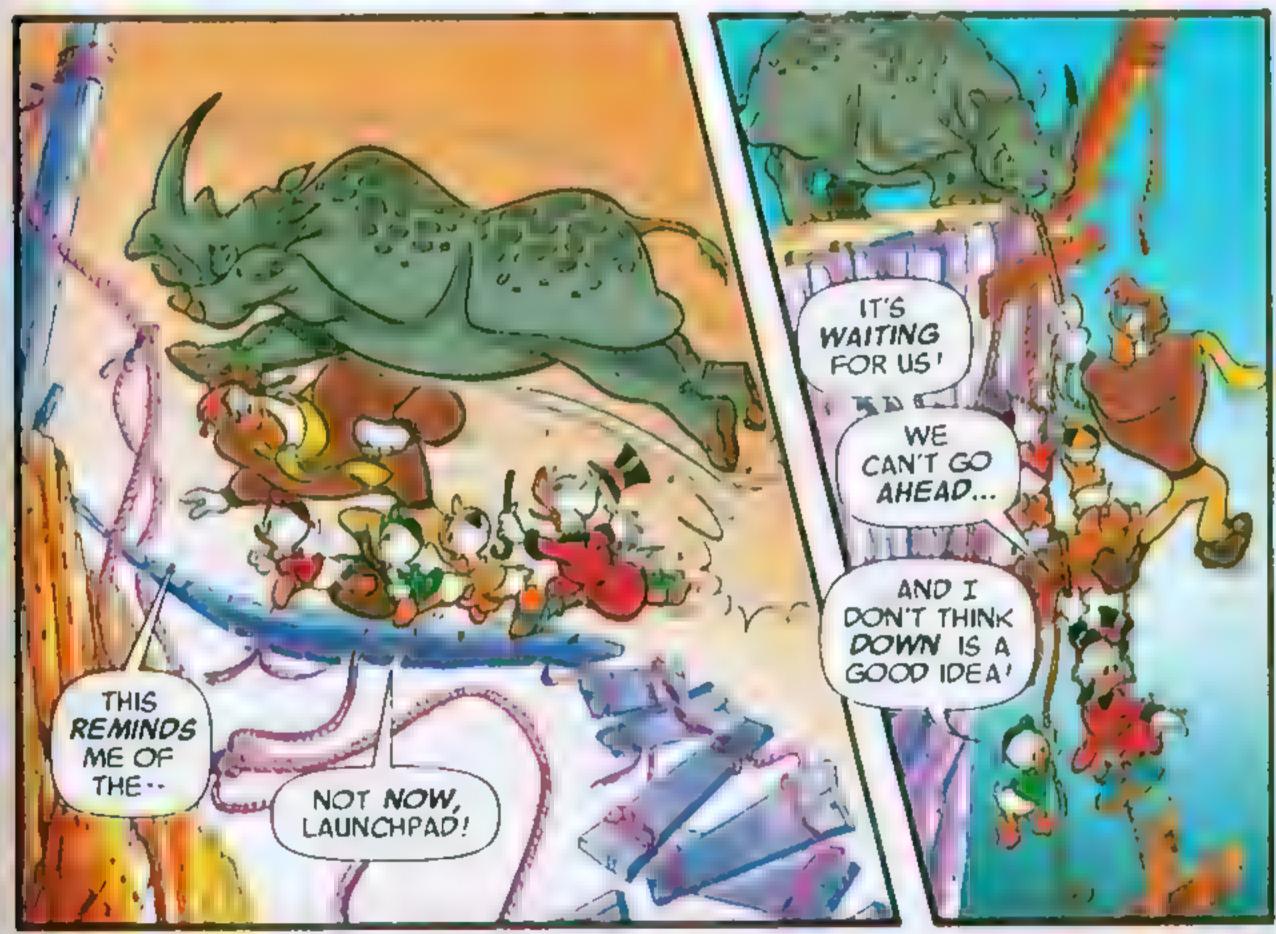


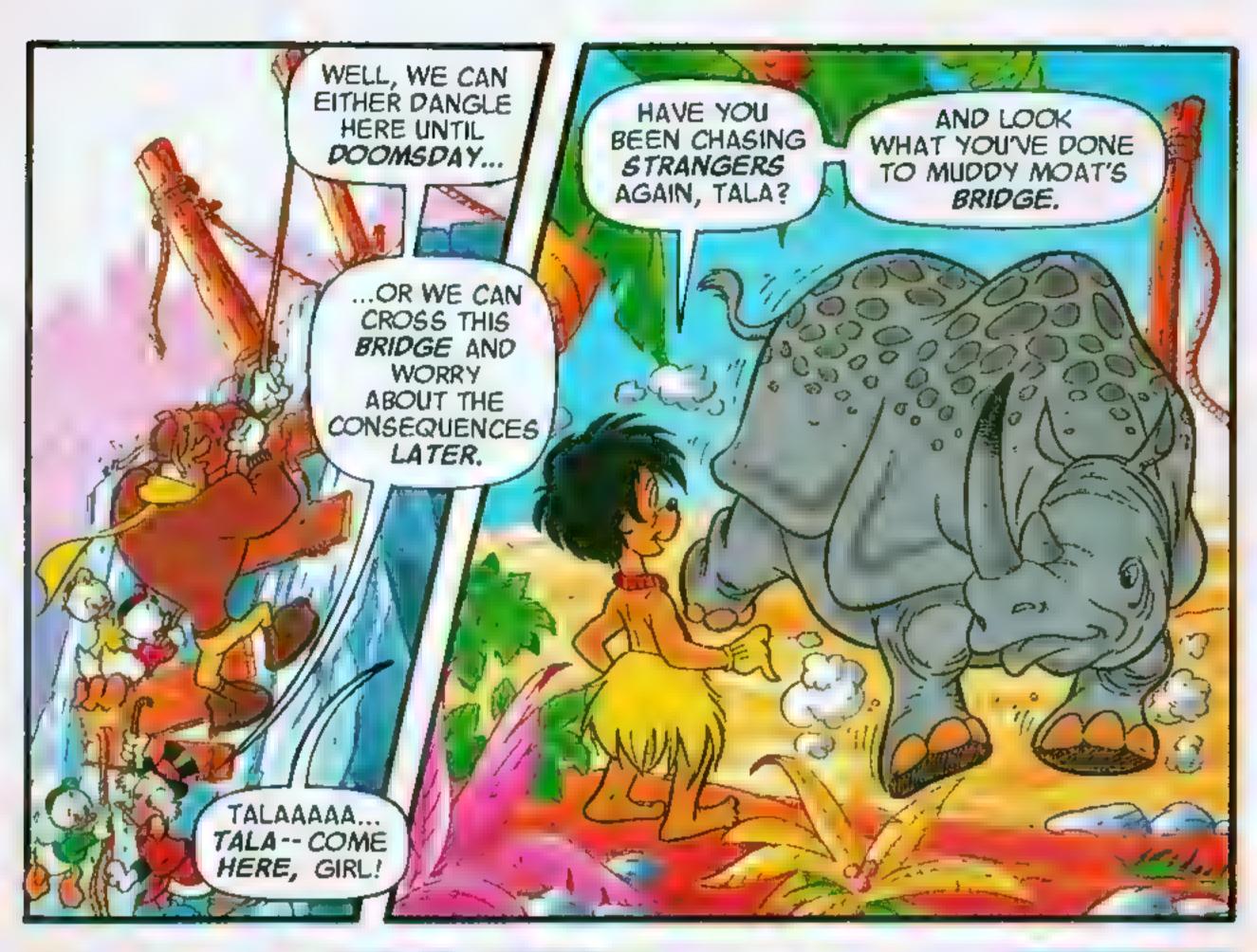








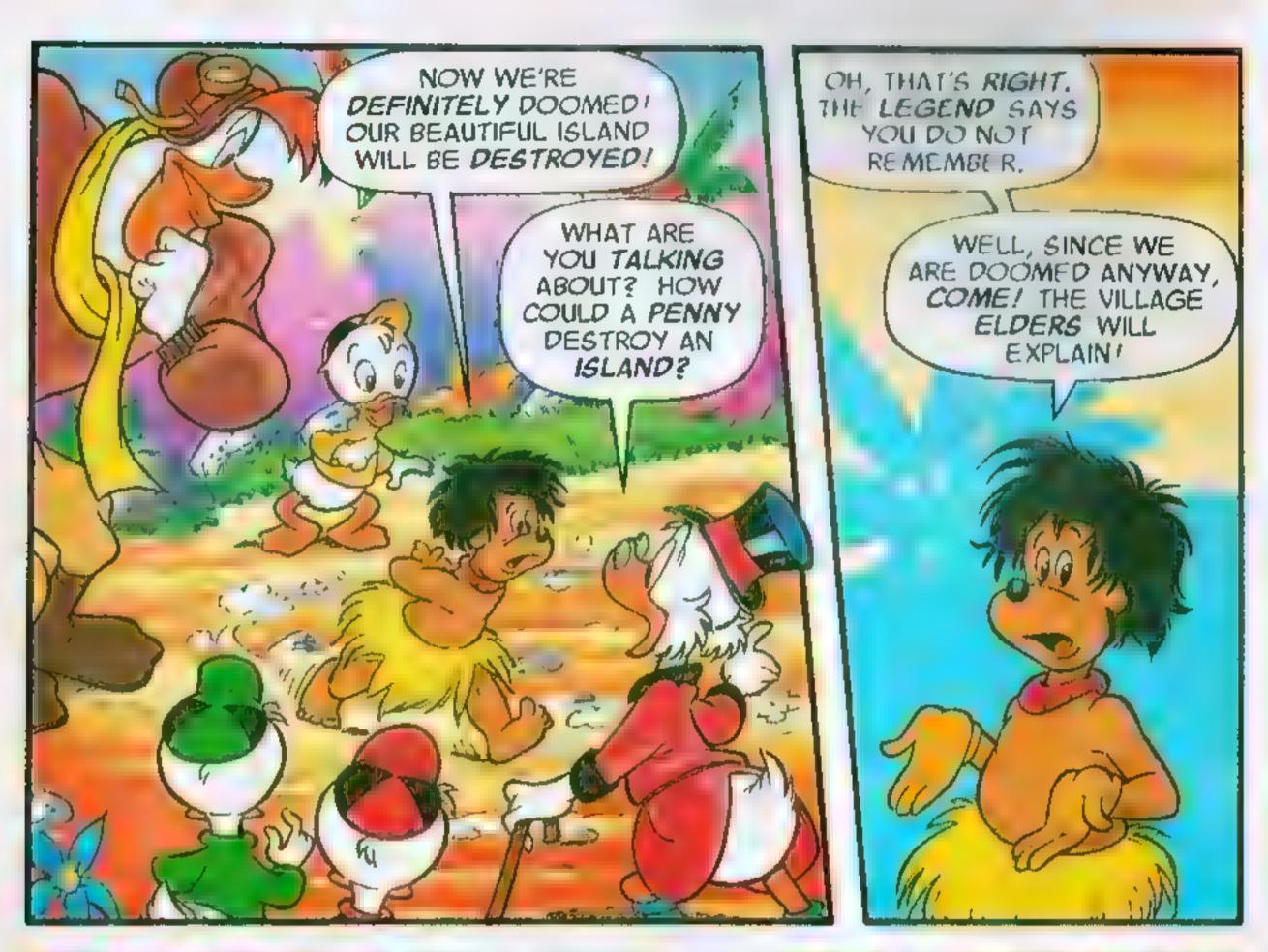




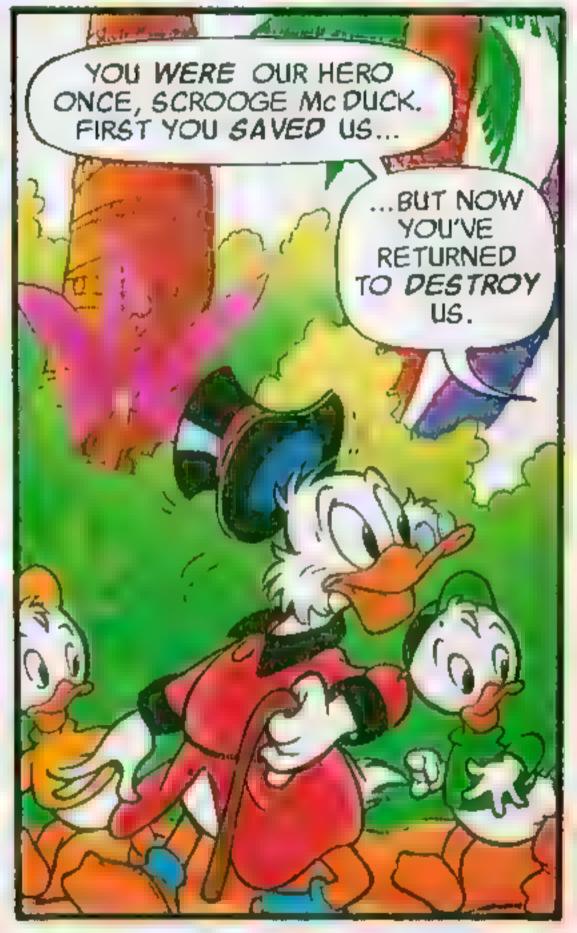


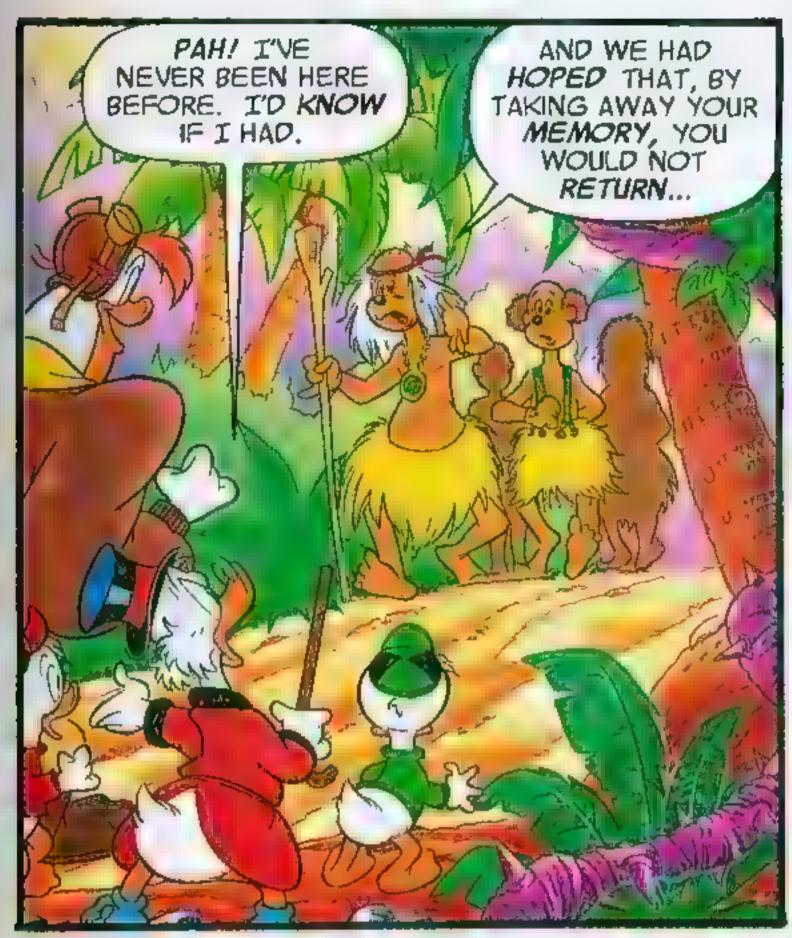






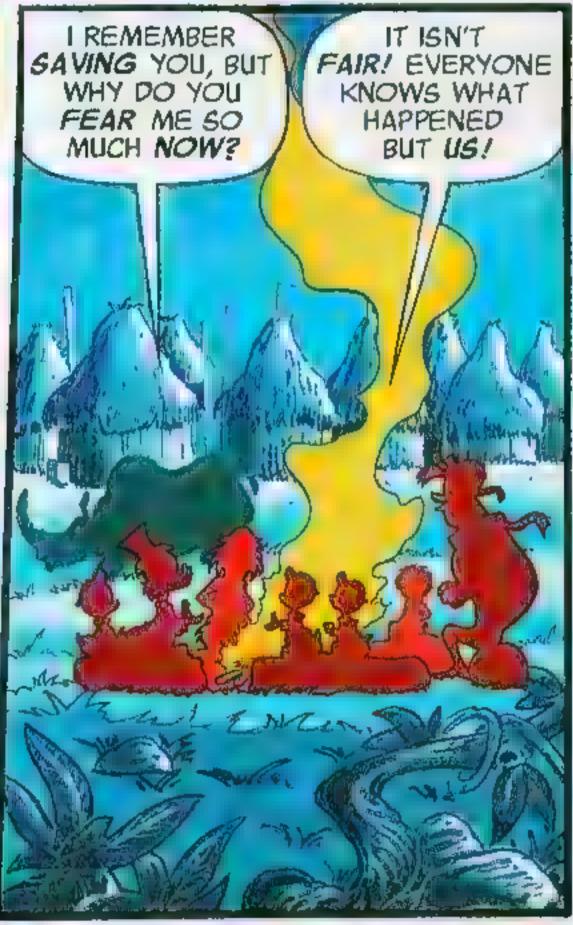




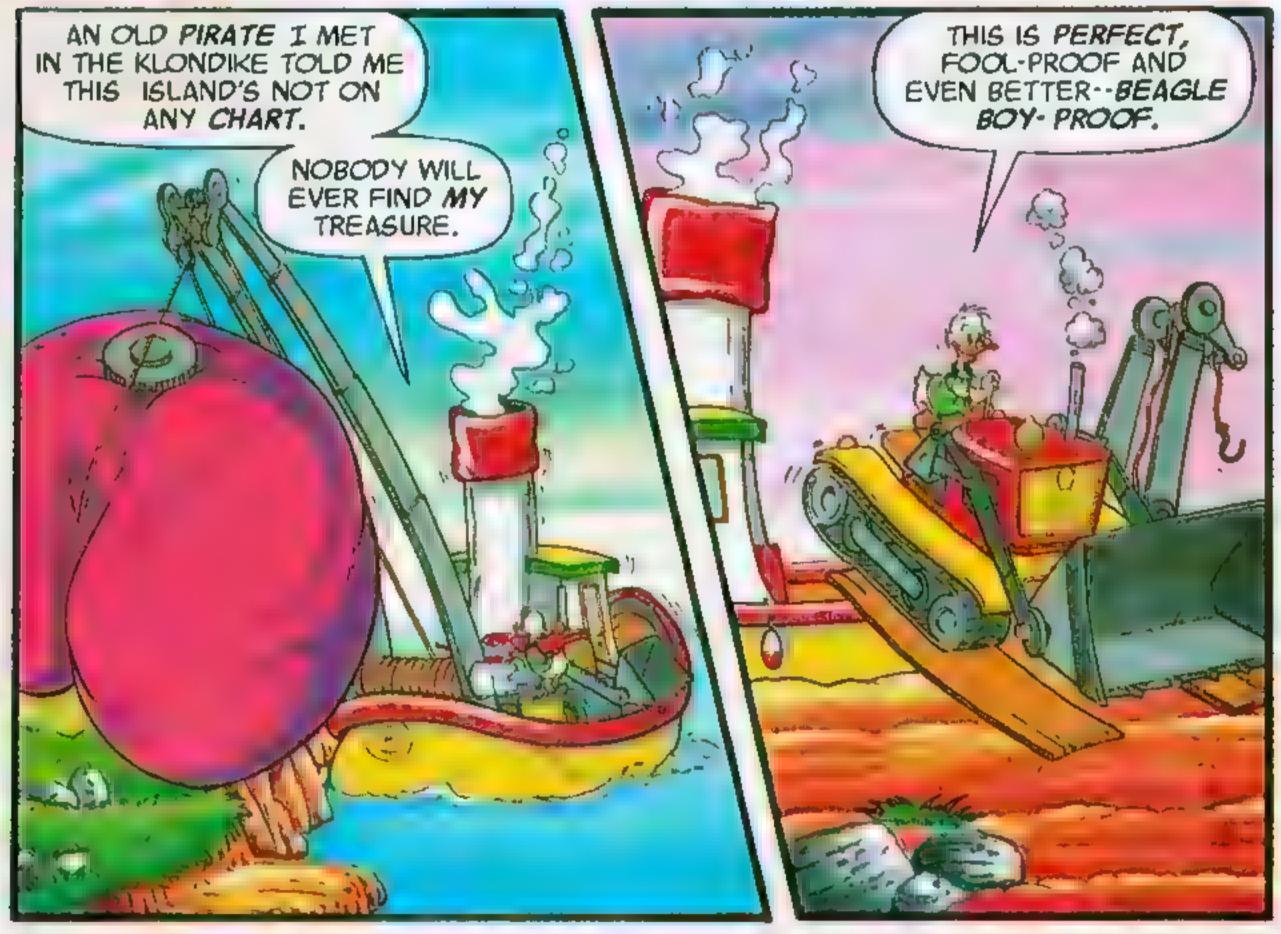


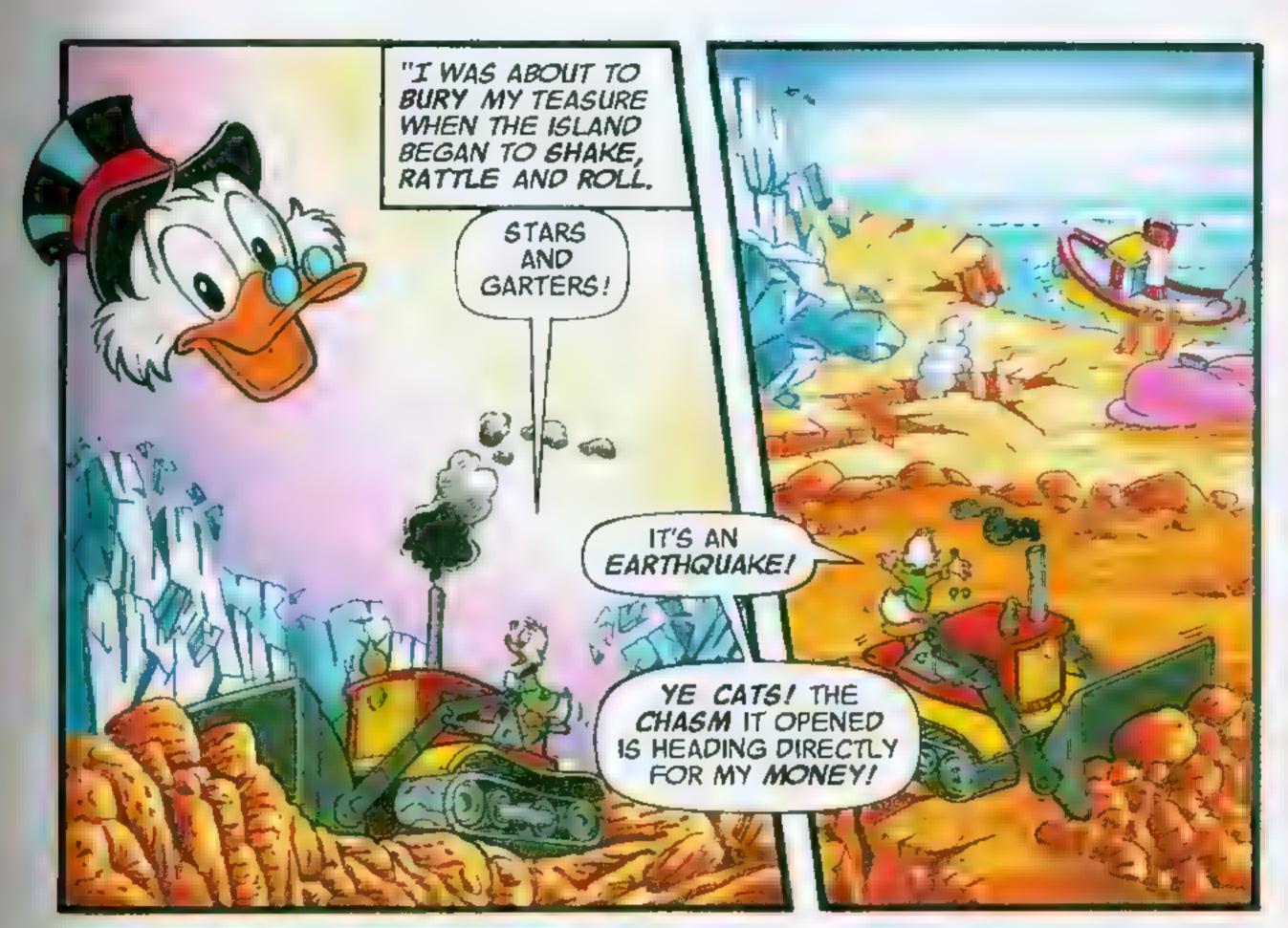




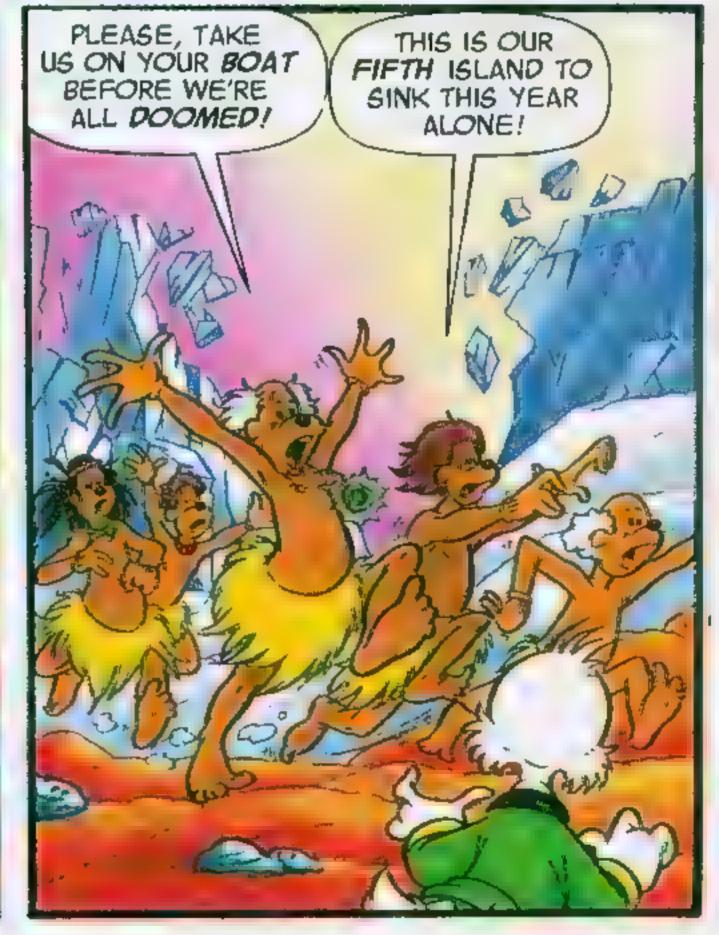


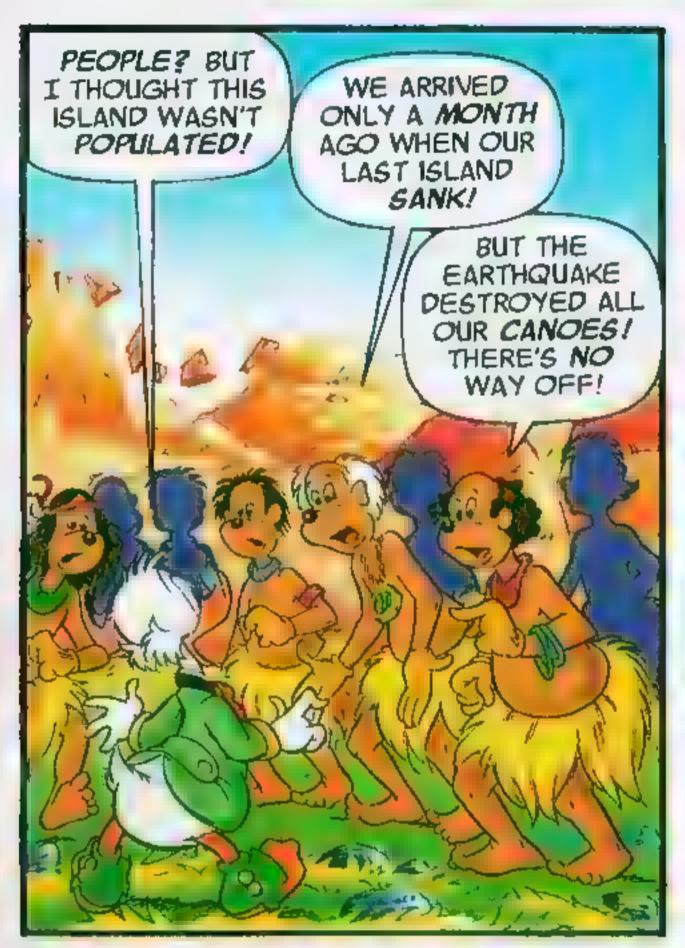






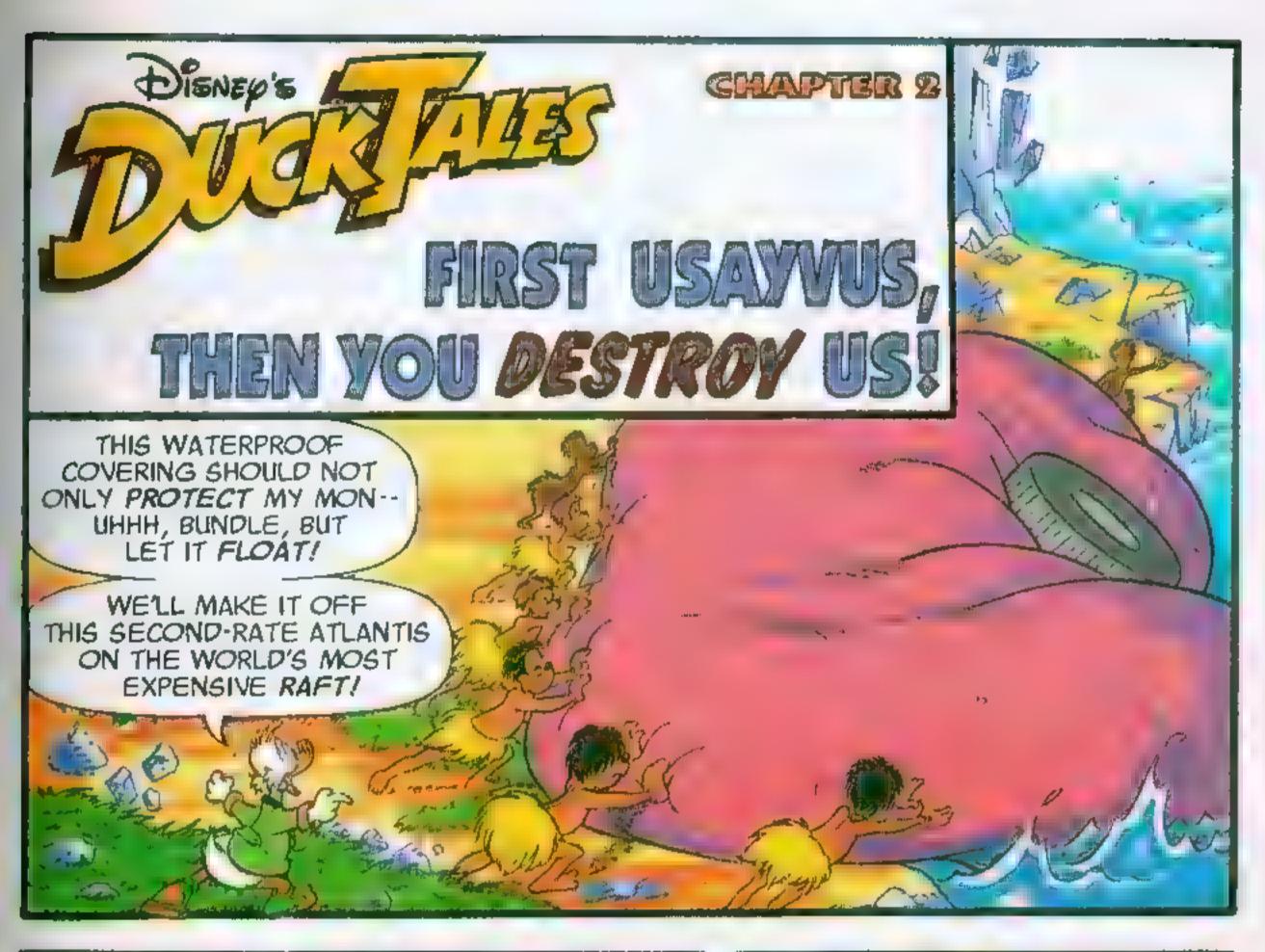


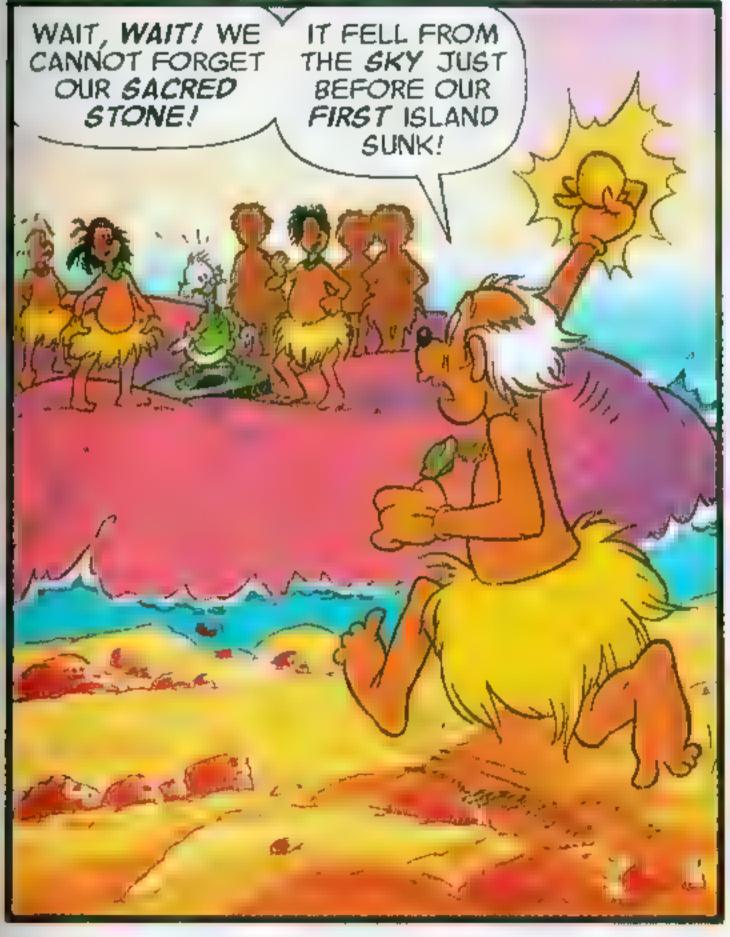




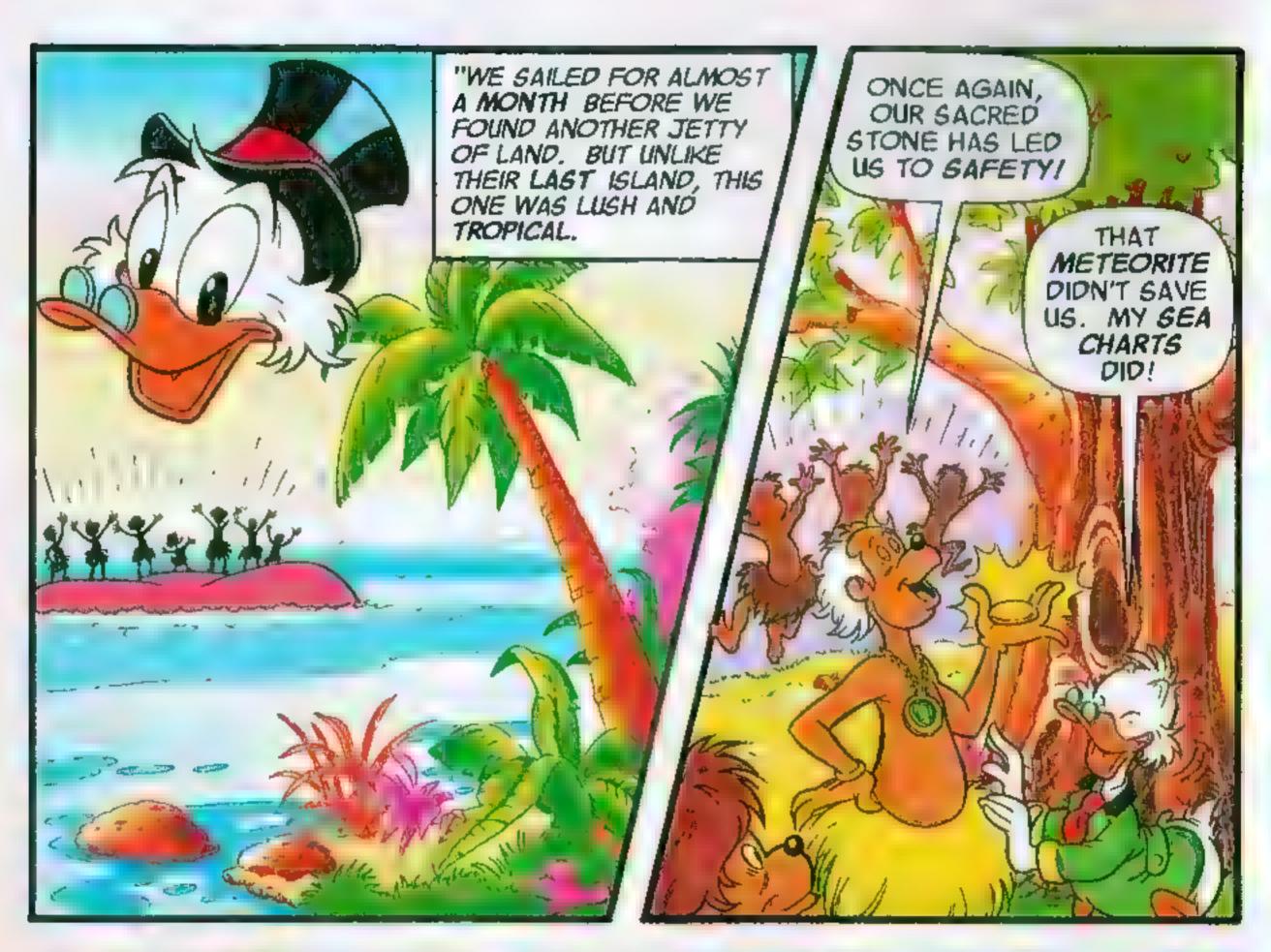


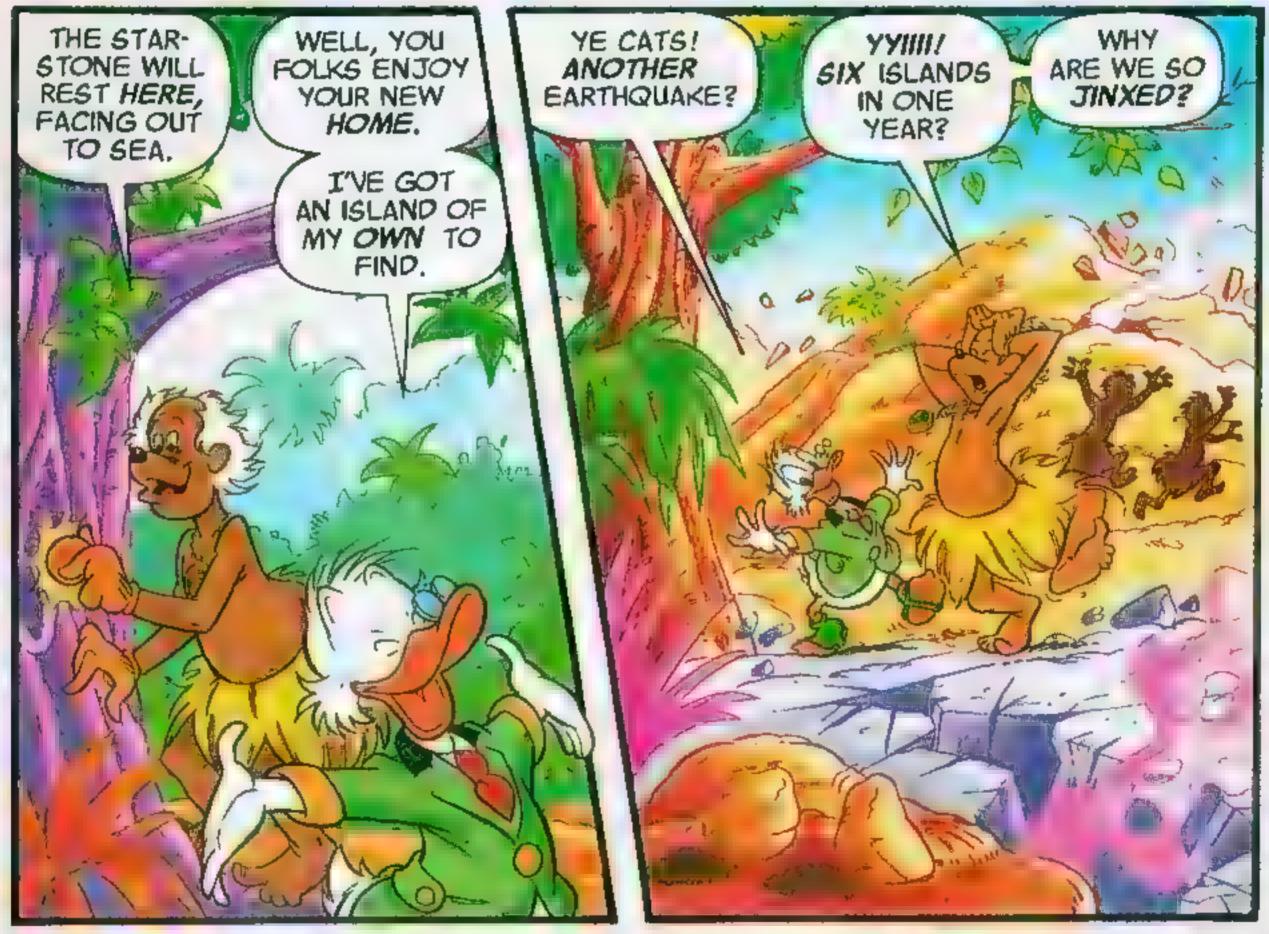


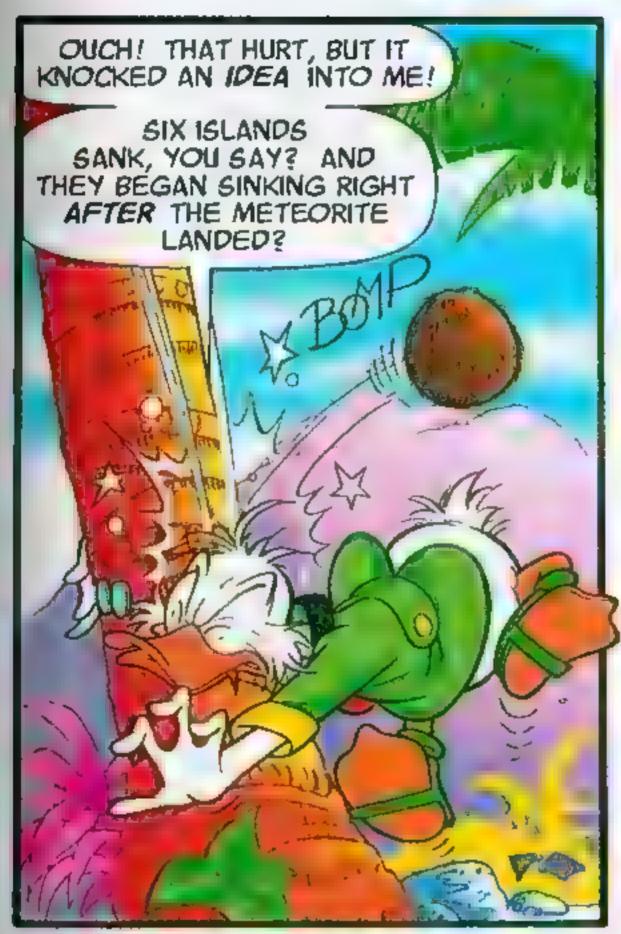


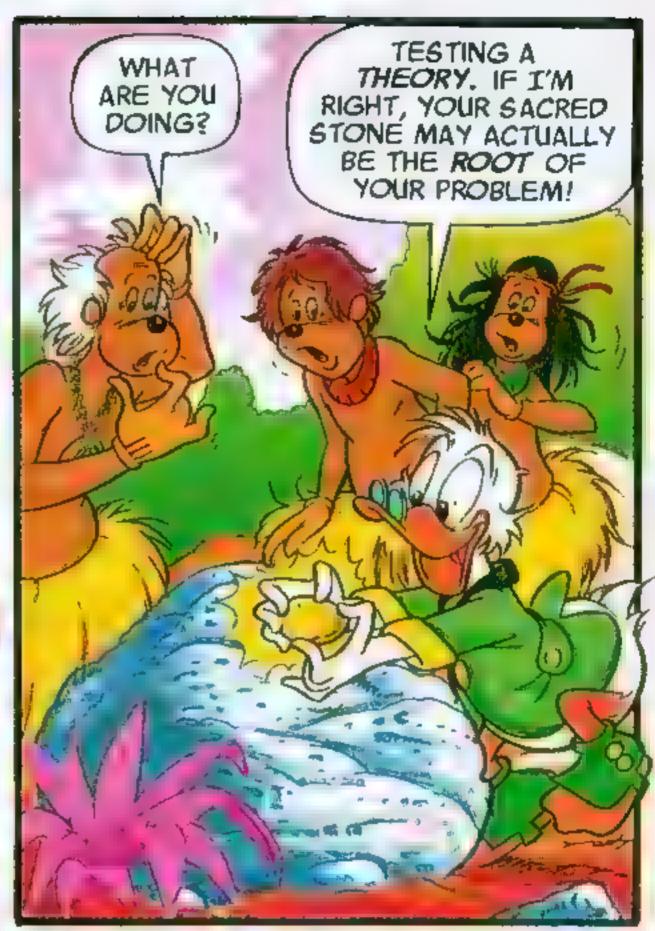


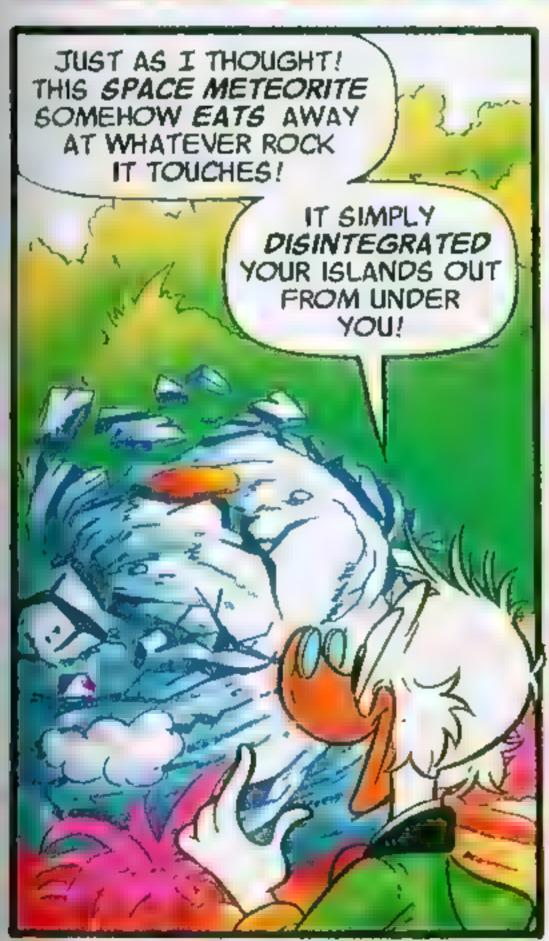


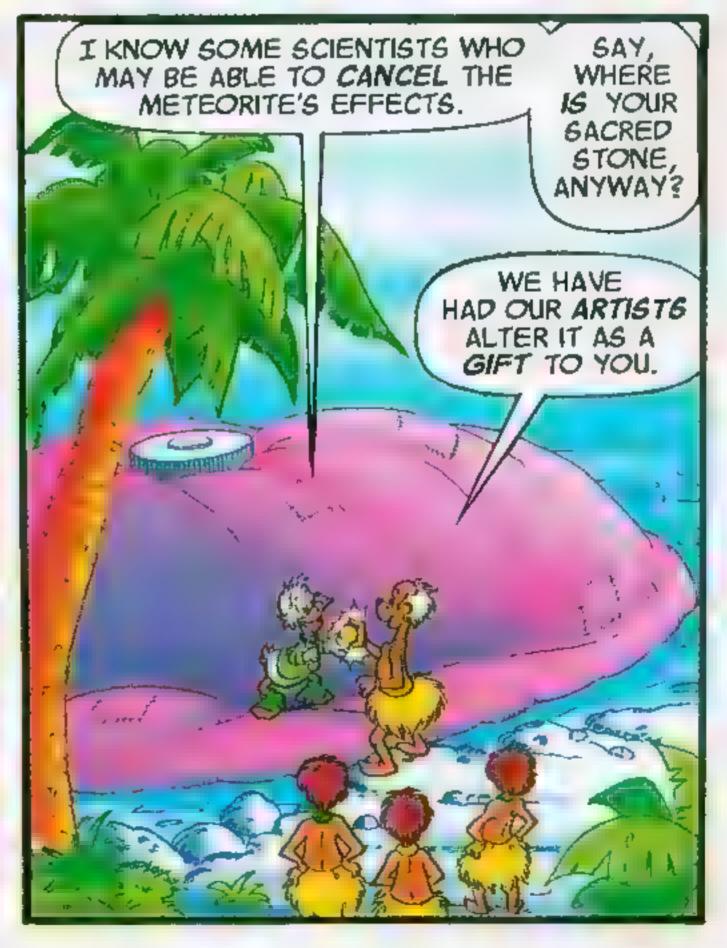


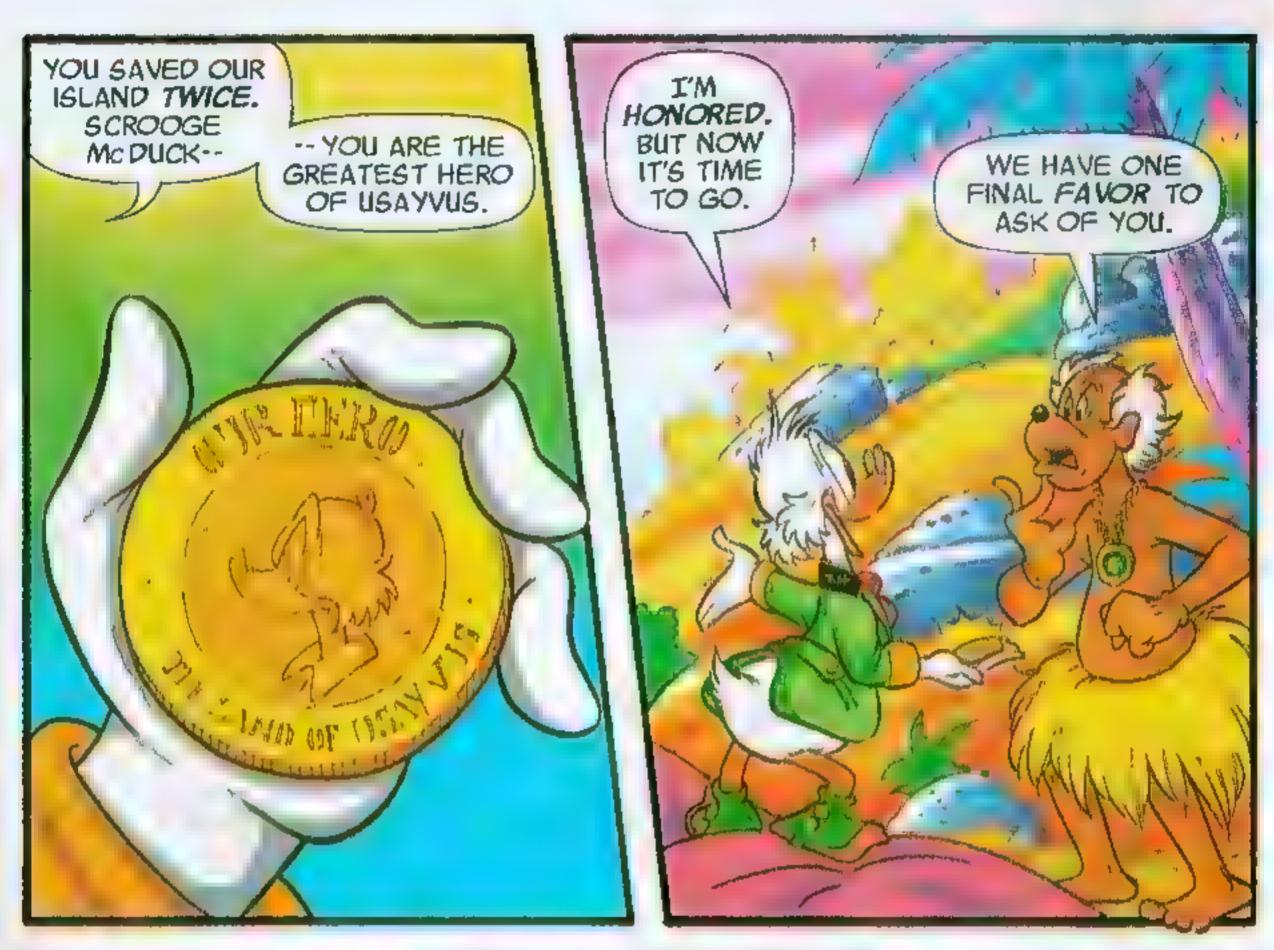


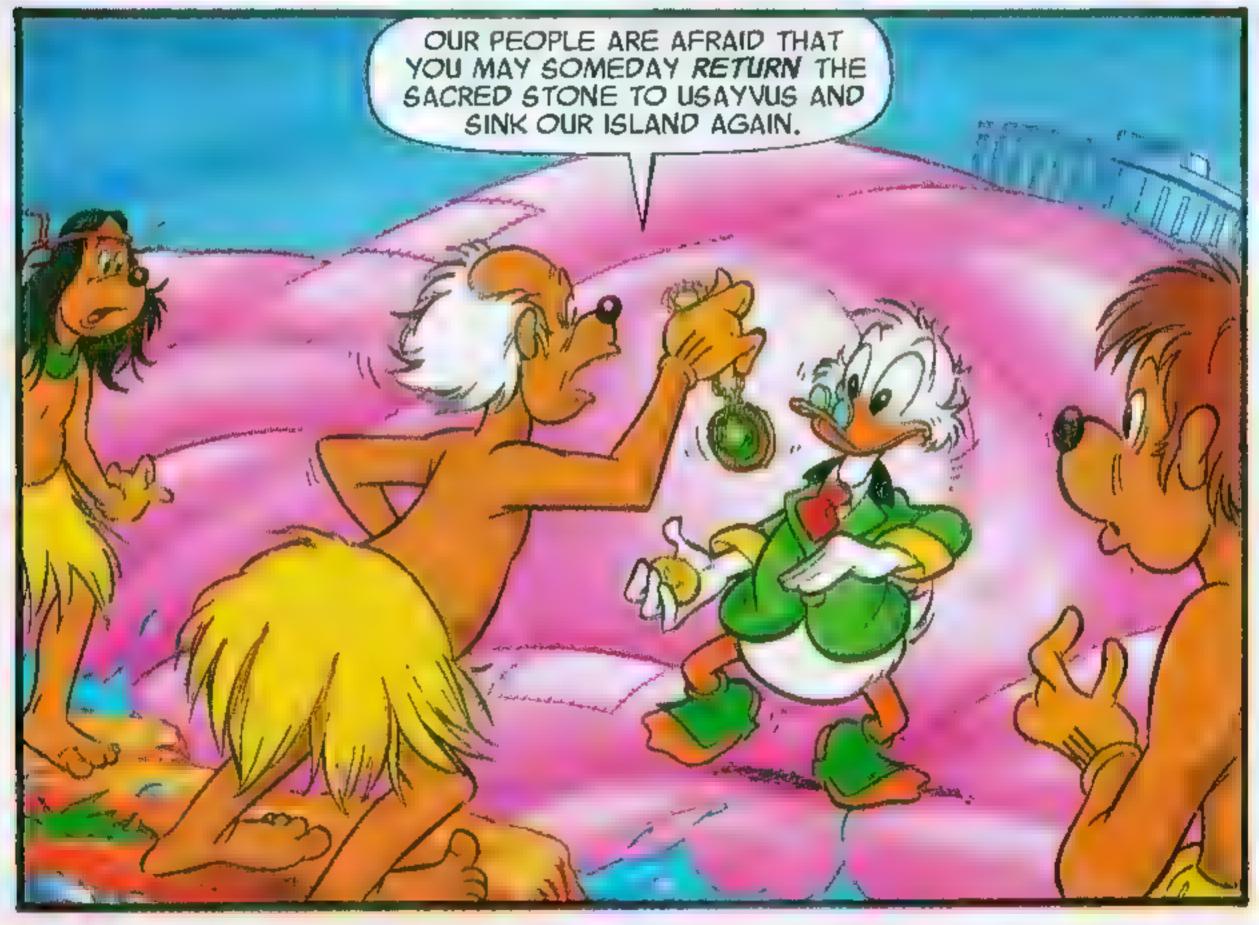










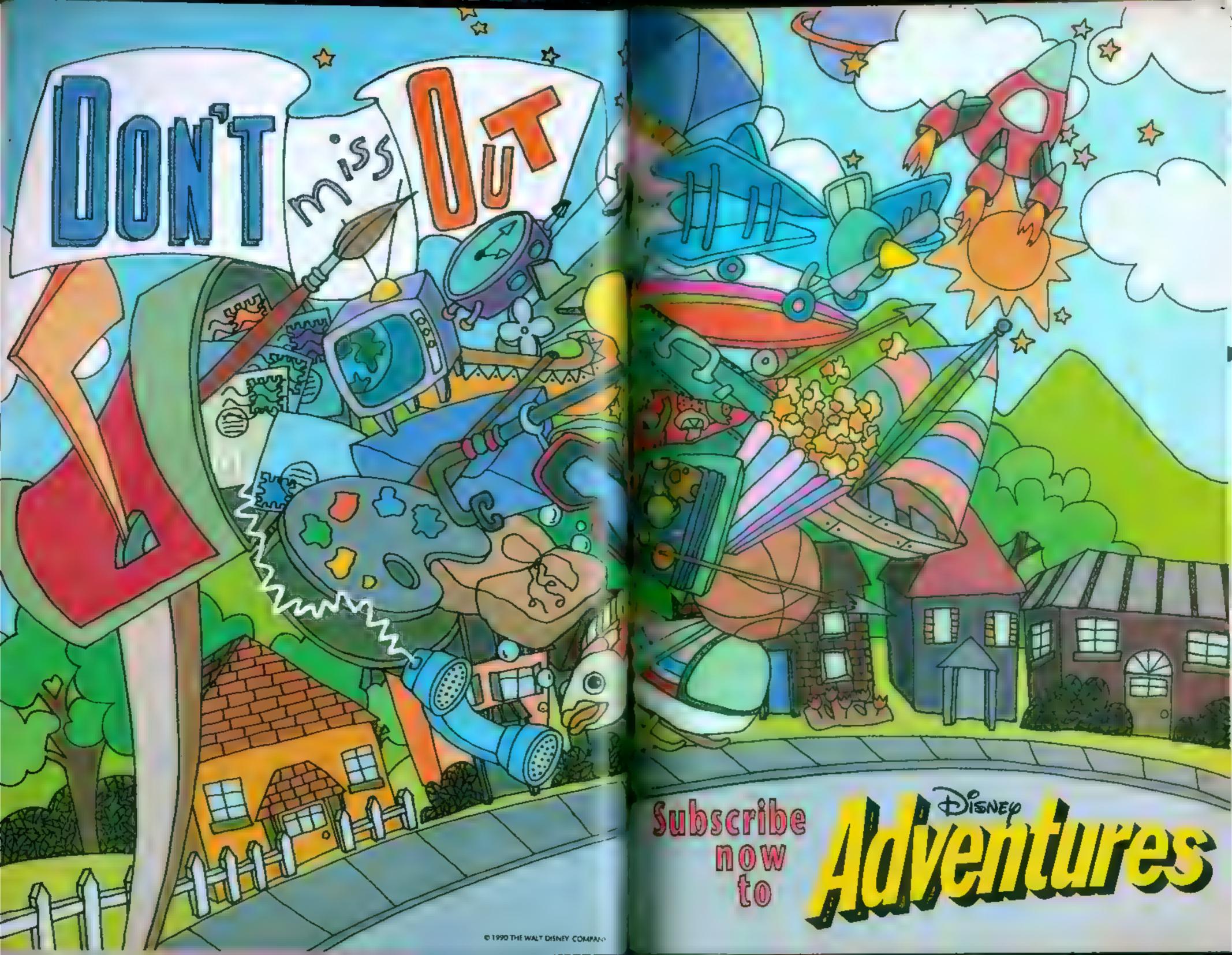










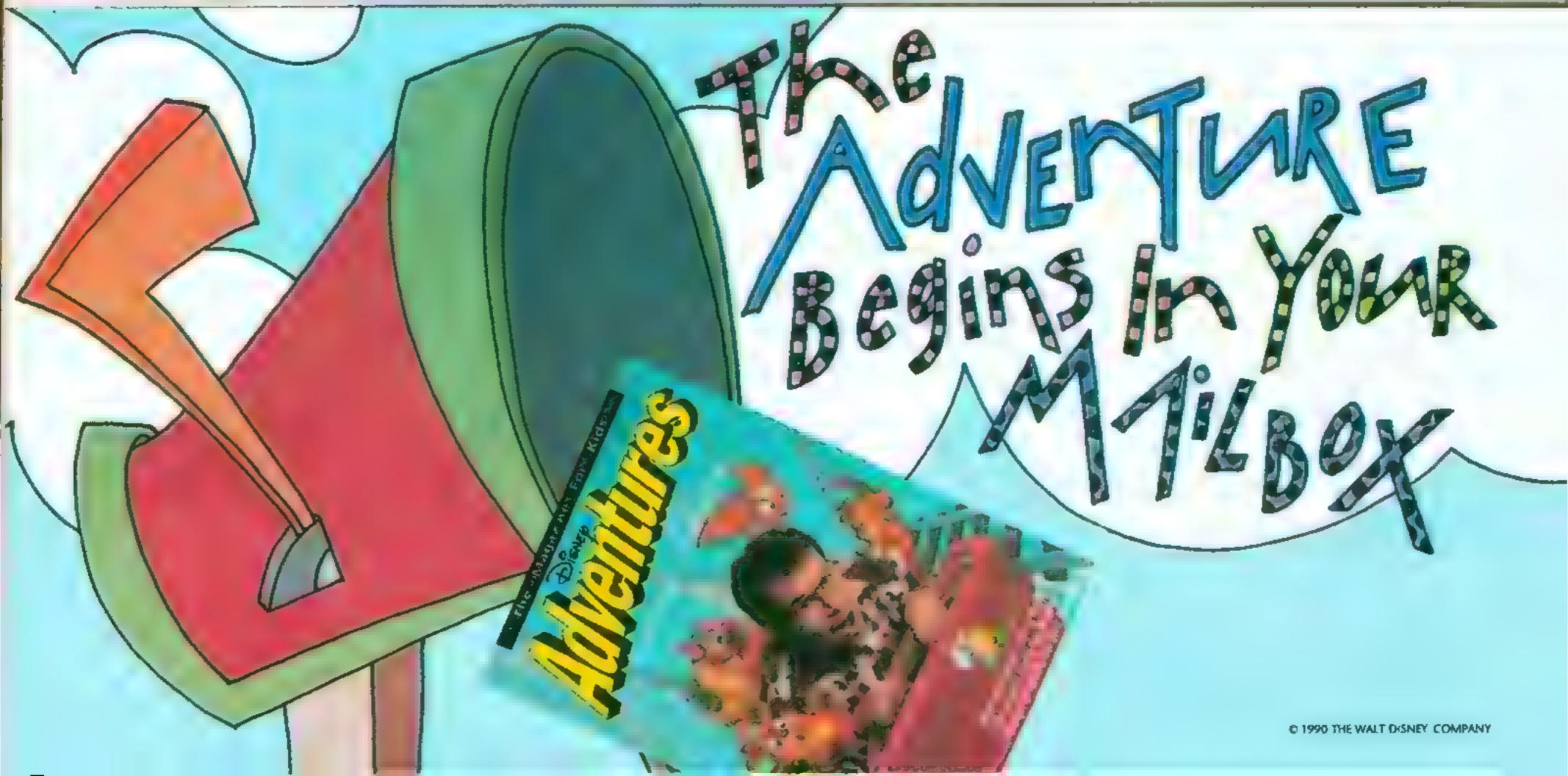


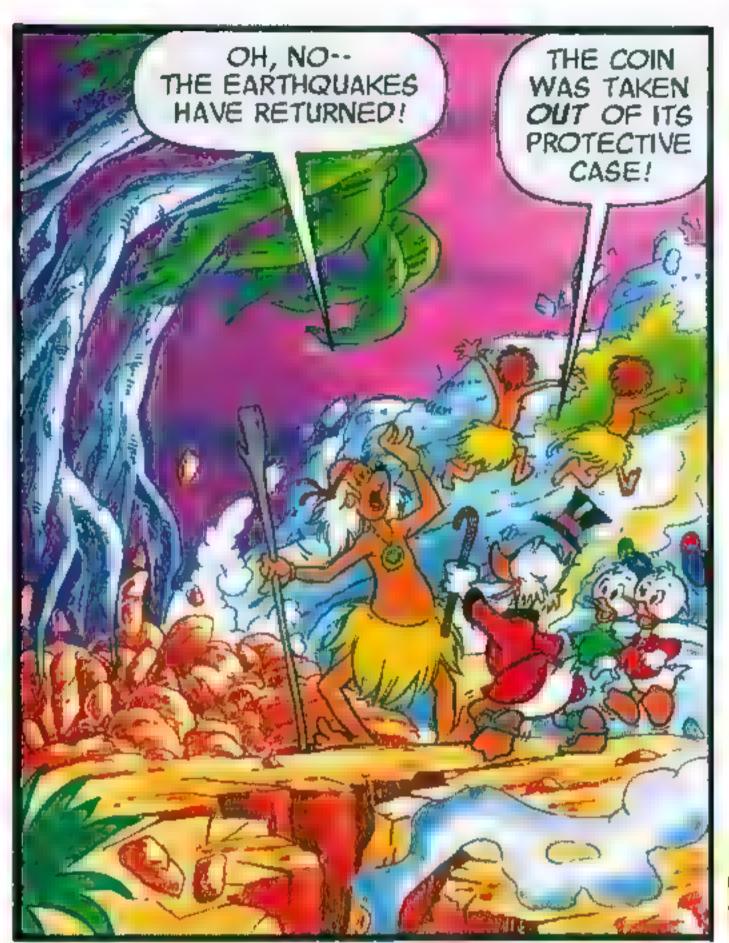
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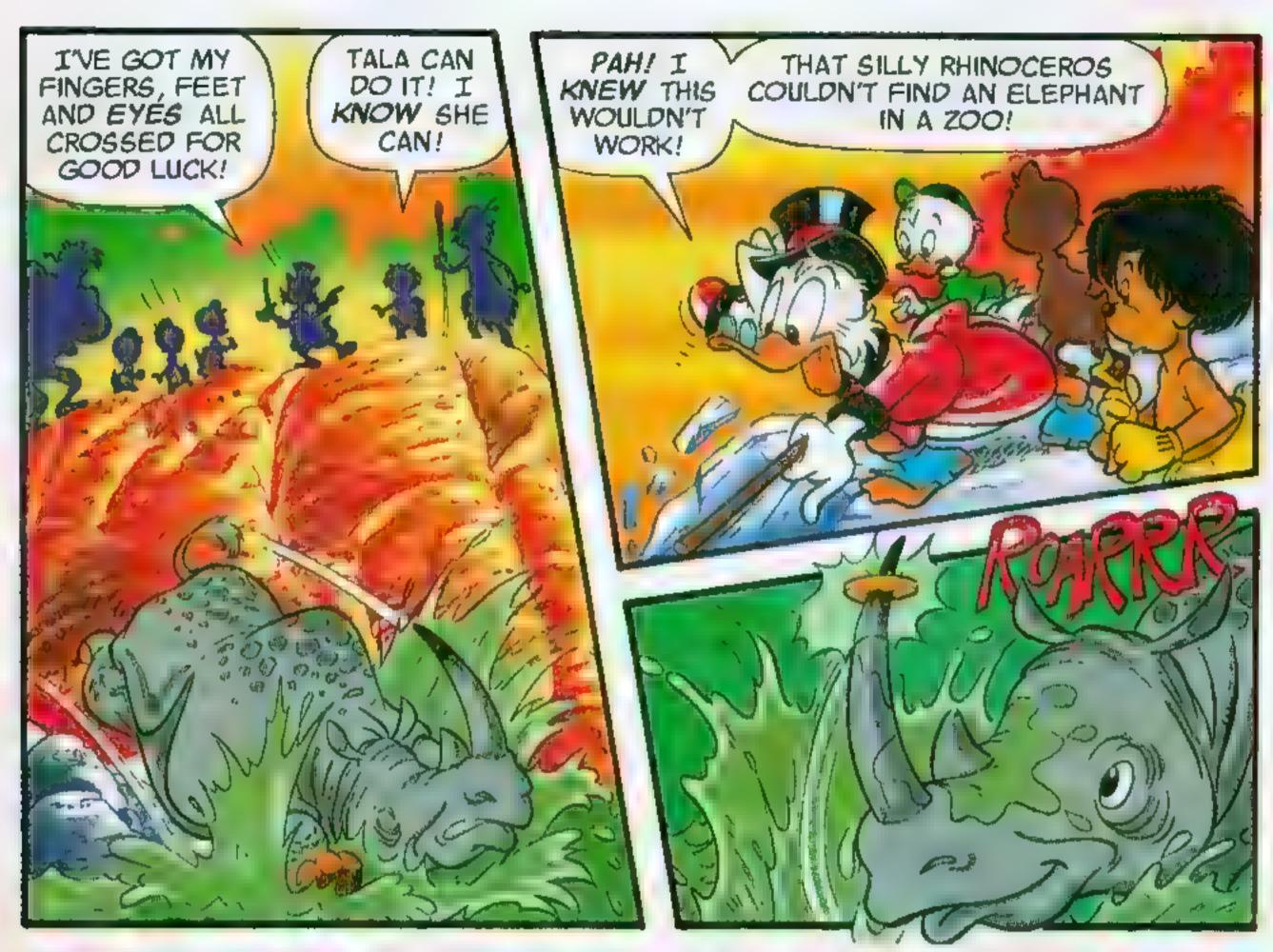
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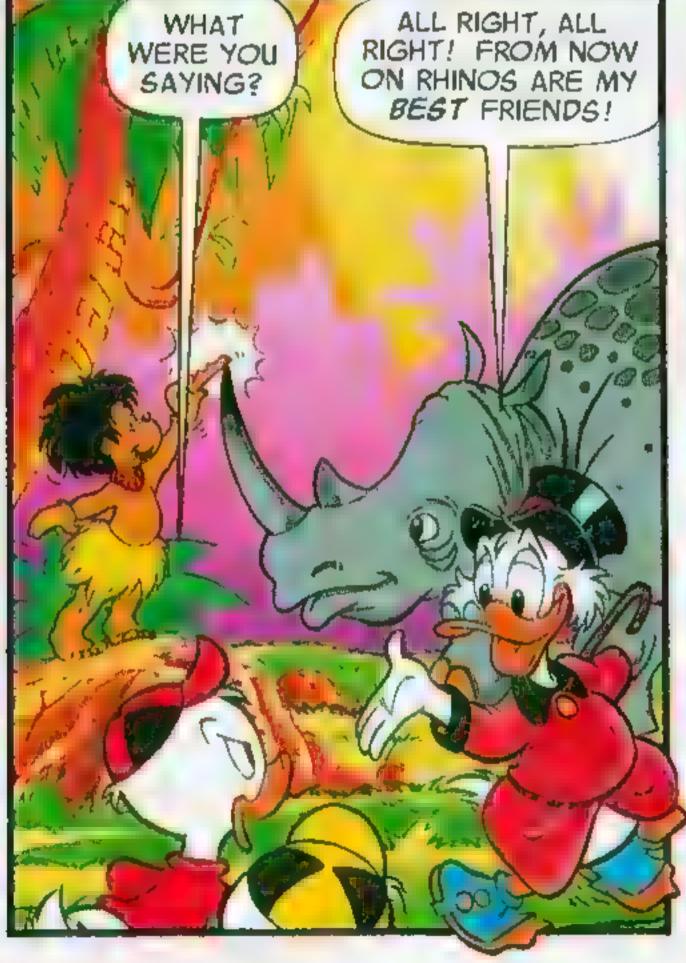


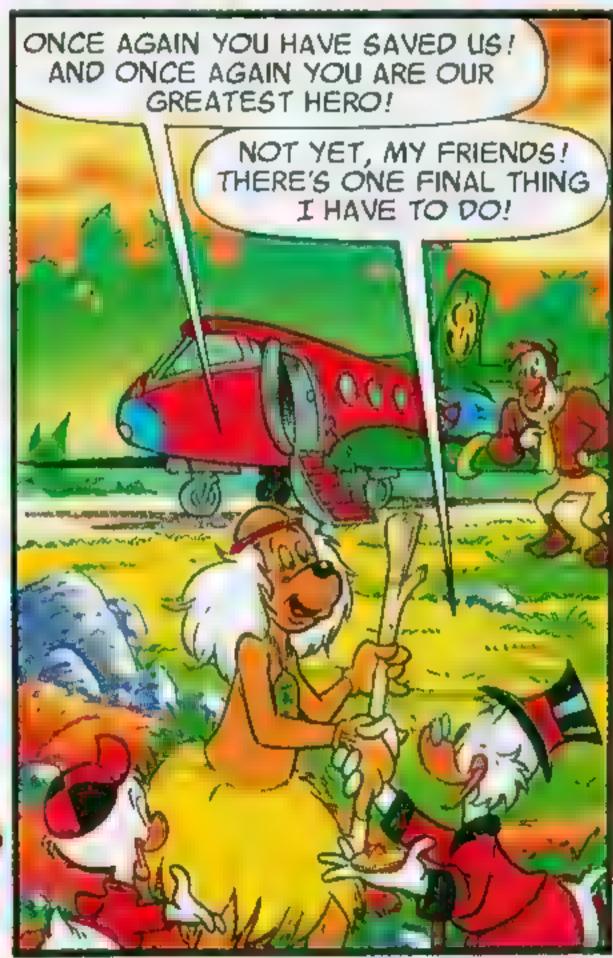














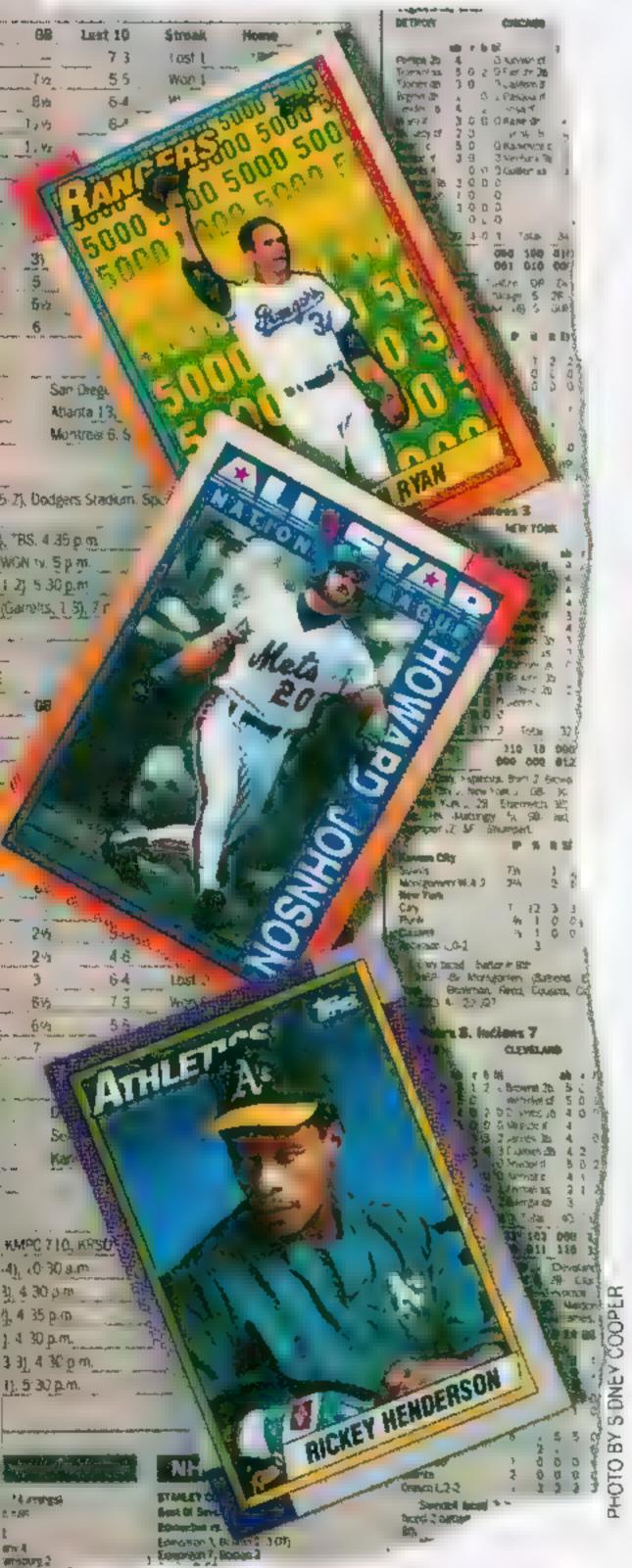


# STREET, WHAT'S HAPPENING



### PLAYING PRO BALL

Your Team, Your Players—Here's How:



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For baseball fans, rotisserie [ROW-TISS-ER-REE] baseball is the next best thing to managing a major league team—and right now, this game is hot! In 1980, eleven baseball sportsters in New York City decided to dream up their own make-believe league.

Each of them made a list of their favorite players. When baseball season started, they checked the daily box scores in the newspaper to keep track of their players. (Sometimes they even traded players or picked new ones.) By the end of the season, the person whose team had the highest run score was the champ.

The best part, though, was the thrill of seeing how their players did each day. "If you like baseball," says one player, "you're going to read about it in the newspaper anyway. But when you're in rotisserie, you look at the sports page with more of a purpose. It's like owning a ball club."

Today, there are thousands of rotisserie leagues all over the country. You can join a league by looking in the back pages of USA TODAY or the sports newspaper The Sporting News.

Or you and your friends can start your own league.

—Michael Rozek



It bounces higher than a rubber ball!

It—stretches—further—than—a—slingshot!

It molds more easily than mashed potatoes!

## SLIME BEFORE ITS TIME

It's Silly Putty!

This squishy, sticky stuff in the famous plastic egg was created purely by accident!

In 1943, an engineer was trying to

invent a new kind of rubber and mixed boric acid and silicone oil in a test tube.

Looking at his crazy mixture, he realized he'd never seen anything like it before! The engineer was so excited, he tossed some of it on the floor.

To his amazement, it bounced



In 1968, Silly Putty even went to the moon.

back! Silly Putty was born.

Since
then people
have always
found lots
of neat
things to do
with
Silly

ty—like using it to collect cat fur or putting it under the leg of a wobbly table.
You can even press it against a comic book page, peel it off and see the image on the Silly Putty.
But no one has ever been able to discover a truly practical use for the stuff. Except sell it!

---Karen Stillman

# SAFAKERS SICK

Let's face it: a world without sneakers is like a world without feet!

Would Michael Jordan shoot hoops in loafers? Or Chris Evert play tennis in high heels?

No, sneakers are it, and they're here to stay. And the best deal is that sneakers can be soooooo different! Like Converse glow-in-the-dark high-tops or Reebok neon saddle shoes.

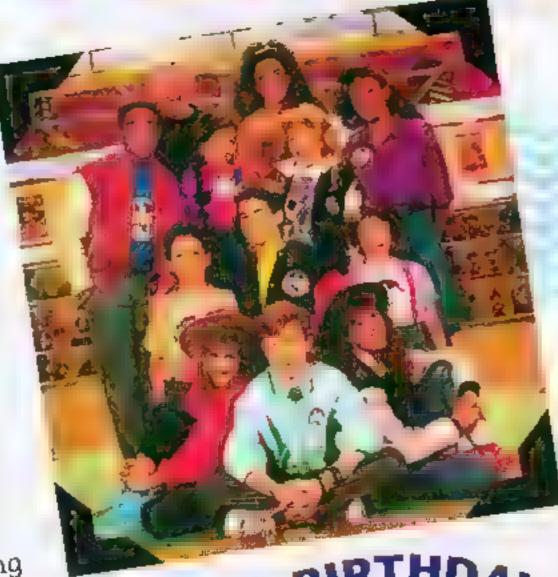
Or create your style with weird laces, sneaker paint or clip-on accessories

Got some sneakers you're proud of? Send us a picture—we might print it....



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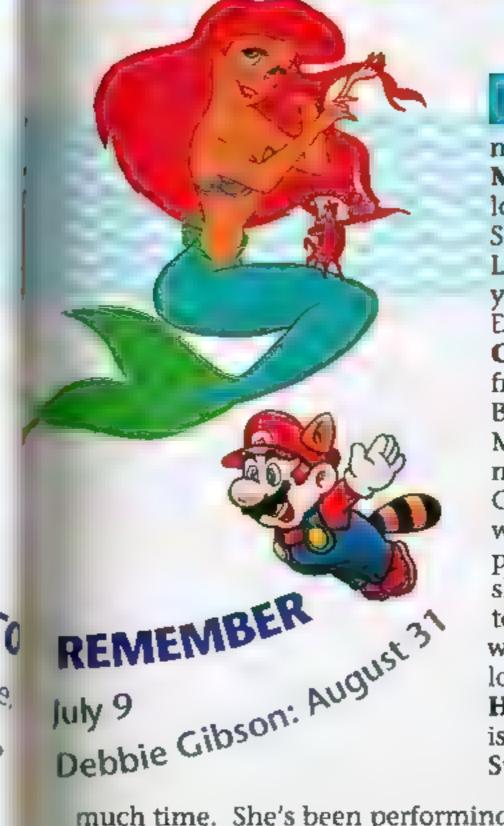
"Radical, dude!" is Bart Simpson's favorite expression. Matt Groening, who created the oddball cartoon show The Simpsons, named the characters after his own family....C. Thomas Howell is starning in a pilot for a new series called "Whip Valentine." Howell describes his character as a young Indiana Jones adventurer!.. TV Kids Clubs are the latest craze-check out The Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, and Fox TV for stickers, magazines, coupons and great prizes!...Watch for Martika on TV-she'll be starring in a new Pepsi commercial.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS
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Up" took Paula Abdul straight to the top of the charts, everyone's been asking the ex-cheerleader to choreograph their videos. But Paula hasn't had



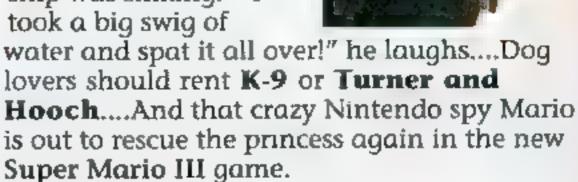
she owns

stones....

Video:

missed The Little
Mermaid, don't go
looking "Under the
Sea"—it's now on sale.
Listen closely, and
you'll recognize Prince
Eric's voice—it's

Christopher Barnes
from the sitcom "Day
By Day" and the
Mickey Mouse Club
movie "Just Perfect."
Chris' favorite scene
was when he had to
pretend Prince Eric's
ship was sinking. "I
took a big swig of



much time. She's been performing all over the country—and hanging out with **John Stamos** of "Full House." She also just released "Shut Up and Dance," an album of her favorite songs remixed for great dancing....Here's a cool new way to listen to music: Get a **Switchit**, a tiny radio on a string you can wear around your neck....Hats off to singer **Debbie Gibson**—

100 hats covered with bows and rhineDonnie Wahlberg of New Kids on
the Block just sprained his ankle
in a concert in England when he
slipped on something
that a fan threw on
stage. But don't
worry, Donnie will
be rock 'n' rollin'
in "New Kids on

worry, Donnie will be rock 'n' rollin' in "New Kids on the Block: Live In Your House," a new special on The Disney Channel in August!







Production hearsing for her was also rehears in a management of the production of th Dick Tracy. During less Mahoney in love her as Breath-Back to the Future is back again, and this time "Blond Ambition" Michael I. Fox trovels to world tour. She the Wild West, Did you know, that Back to Entry in the Future of the that we have the transfer to the trans gave a private concert for the cost and crew plus a few

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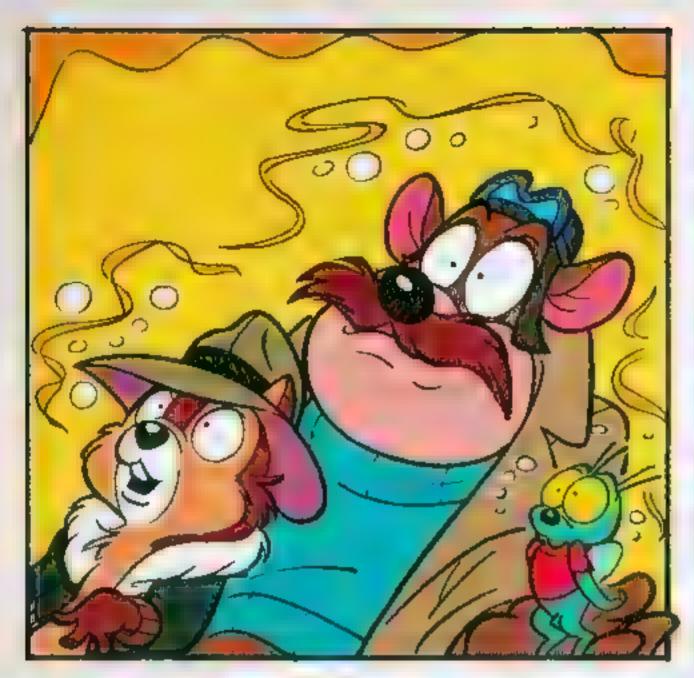


Next issue don't miss the scoop on Johnny, Winona and more! Next issue donne great singing tips on Johnny, Winona and more!
Plus get some great singing tips from the Jackson's voice coach!







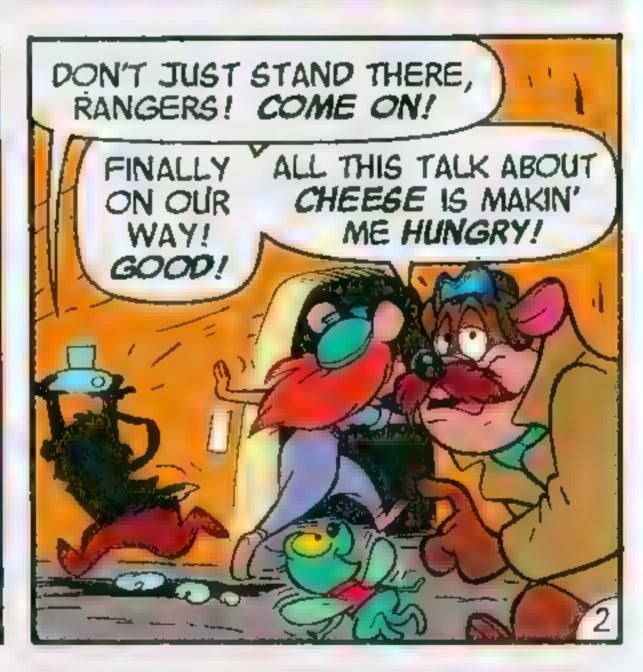






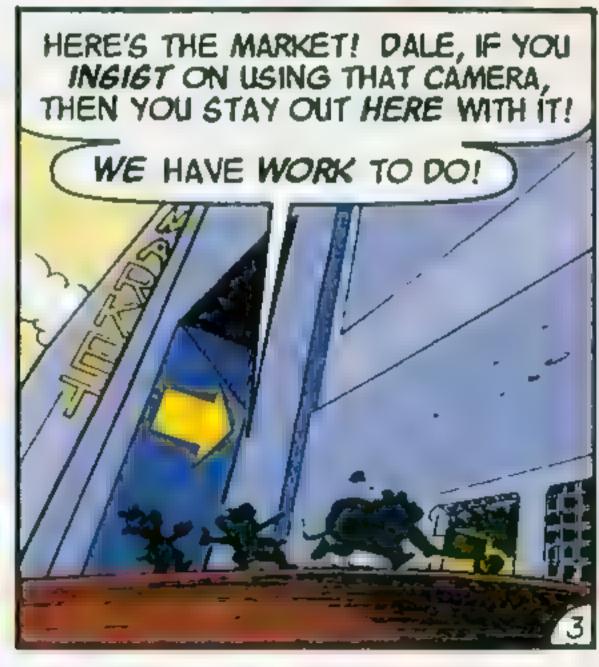




















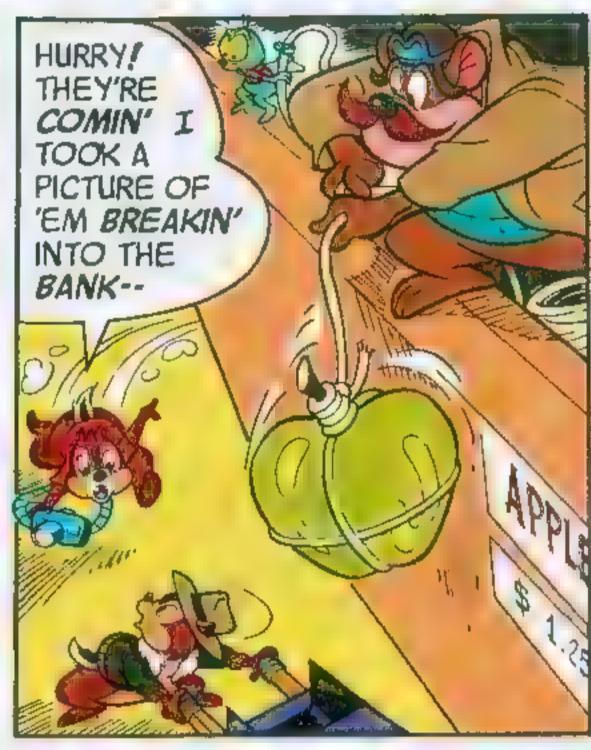






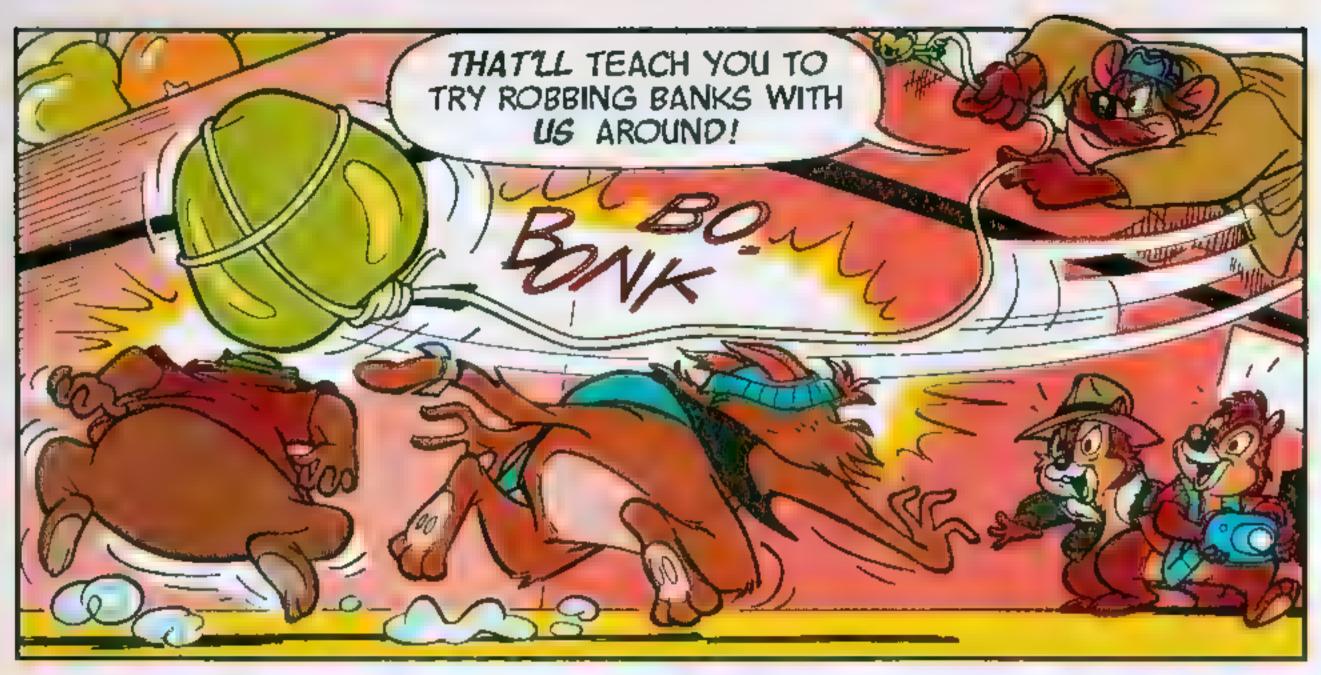










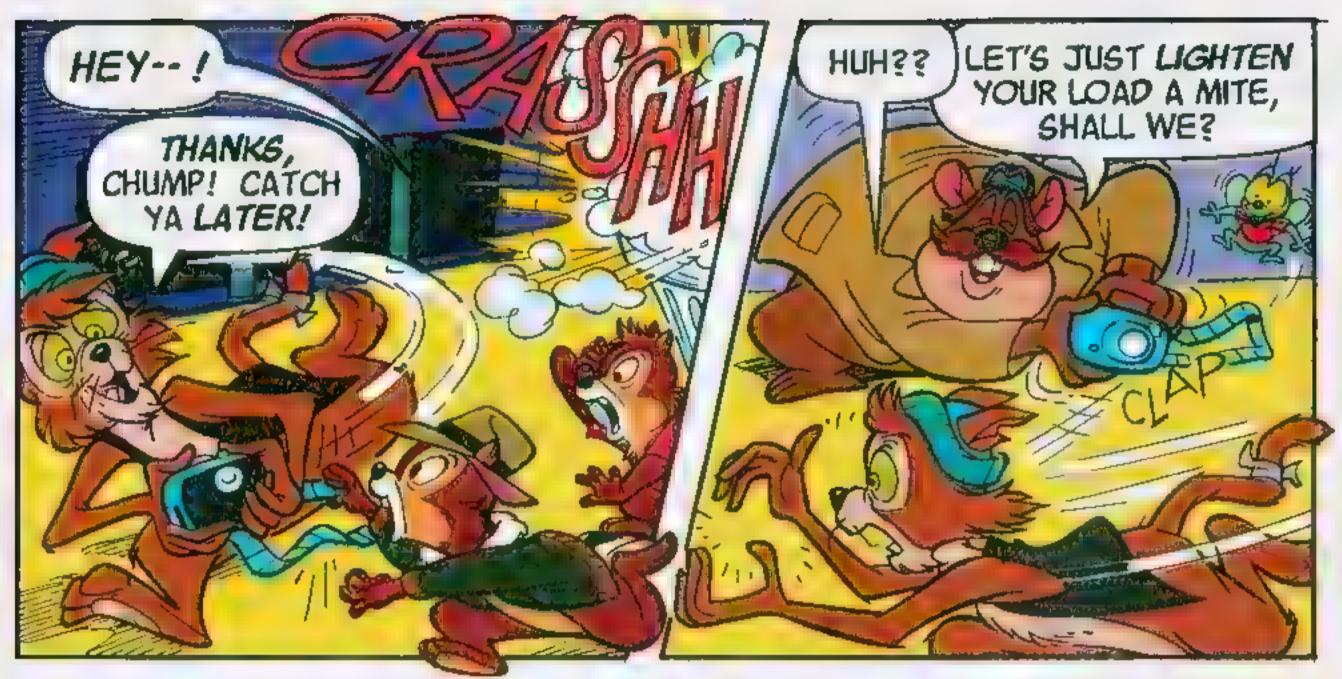






























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Hamelin, Germany didn't...and they paid for it, big time.

Every Sunday, from May 13 through Sep-

tember 16, a crowd
gathers at noon to celebrate the
story of the Pied Piper. The kids
dress up as mice and follow the
piper to reenact this story:

It happened in 1376. A strange man arrived in Hamelin, which had been overrun by thousands of rats. He struck a deal with the town: He would get rid of the rats for 100 gold pieces. The town eagerly agreed.

The man started playing his pipe. As his haunting tune filled

the air, rats scurried out of their hiding places and followed him through the streets, and straight into the river, where

they drowned. Not a single rat was left, but the town refused to give the piper his fee.

Later that summer, the townspeople heard a tune that made them shiver. The strange man had returned in disguise and began playing his pipe. Suddenly every child in Hamelin came running and followed the Pied Piper as he walked out of town.

And they never came back.

—Patricia Braun

### THIS IS ABOUT ANTS

This morning, when I looked at the bird feeder that hangs in our appletree, I saw ants drinking the syrup my family puts out for hummingbirds. Stand-

ting on a chair to get a better look, I saw the ants crawl up and down \*the wire that holds the feeder. An ant highway led down the tree's Trunk, across the yard and under the ivy that grows along the garage. T decided to follow.

Underneath the ivy was the entrance to the ants' nest. Those \*returning to it carried drops of sugar water from the hummingbird \*feeder. My brother told me that the syrup was probably being used to feed the baby ants (he called them pupae) and the queen or mother ant, who lived inside the nest.

I couldn't see the nest without tearing it apart, so I went to the library and brought home a book about ants. I discovered that there are more than 5,000 types of ants and that they live almost everywhere.

Ants live under sidewalks and in the walls of high-rise apartment buildings. They live in jungles and in deserts. Some eat sweet things;

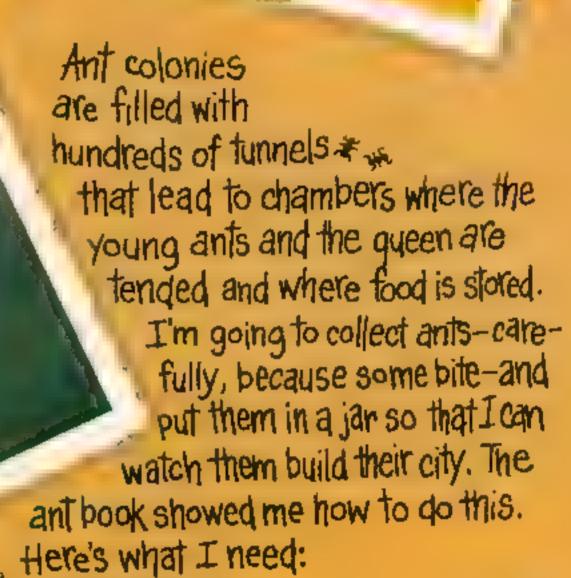
some eat seeds and plants. Others eat just about anything. Some ants cultivate fungusstuff that grows on plants—that they use for food. There are even ants that eat the nectar they milk from the small insects my mother says are always eating her roses.

Ants are social insects. This means they must work together to survive and each one has a job to do. Three types of ants live in the ant city, or colony as it's called.

The queen lays the eggs that become the

ant population \* The workers tend the babies and the queen, providing them with food and protection.

Male ants mate with the queen so that her eggs are fertilized and will hatch.



·A glass jar. · A piece of screen or netting to cover it. • Some crumbly dirt they can live in. • A piece of sponge that's moistened with water for the arits to drink. • Small pieces of apple for them to eat.

After they've built their colony, I think I'll let them go.



### MISSION

### ANTARCTICA

Six Kids Journey to the Edge of the Earth



The kids built an icehouse igloo in Antarctica. Two of them got to sleep in it overnight!

Here's a cool adventure story: Six kids were invited to explore thousands of miles of ice with Jacques Cousteau, the man famous for exploring the undersea world

On January 3rd, 1990, Jeronimo Brunner from Chile (South America), Cory Gillmer from the United States, Oko Joseph Shio from Tanzania (Africa), Kelly Matheson from Australia, Fumiko Matsumoto from Japan (Asia) and Elise Otzenberger from France (Europe) boarded the ship "Erebus" for a three-day voyage across the dangerous waters of Drake Passage to Antarctica.

Why would Captain Cousteau want to

take six 11- and 12-year-olds to the bottom of the world? He asked them as representatives of all the world's children, and as ambassadors for the future to help us stop damaging the planet.

"Antarctica may seem very far away, but it is an important part of our planet," says Cousteau.

"This continent acts as the world's air conditioner."

He is worried, because right

now there are no laws to protect it from people searching for oil or minerals in this vast, white desert. Accidents with large ships, bulldozers or even just their trash could damage Antarctica forever.

The expedition members saw huge blankets of ice, dolphins, whales, elephant seals and thousands of penguins with their newborn penguin babies. After drawing straws, Kelly and Oko became the first kids ever to sleep overnight in an ice house which the six adventurers built themselves. They weren't cold, but "all night long we could hear the ice cracking and falling like thunder in the water," according to Kelly Matheson, Pretty neat.



A seal was one of the many animals the adventurers saw in Antarctica.

# ALL THIS TALK ABOUT SAVING OUR PLANET—HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO

Everywhere we look there's garbage piling up. Our skies are smoggy. Our animals are dying. It may not even be safe to drink our water! Most kids say, "Yeah, but what can I do about this?"

Well, according to John Javna of the Earthworks Group, there are 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth. This also happens to be the title of a book he's just written. Here are three of his suggestions:

### ...Adopt an Endangered Animal

No, this doesn't mean bringing a wild animal into your house. Right now, many zoos are busy creating habitats for endangered species that resemble their homes in the wild. This is very expensive, so many zoos have some kind of "Adopt an Animal" program to help pay for it. Call your local zoo to find out how to get involved. Then you and your friends can put money together and help save an animal.

### ...Recycle

Hold that soft drink! Americans throw away almost four million aluminum cans every hour! And that's only part of the millions of tons of garbage we produce every year! Most trash can be recycled, but isn't. How can you help? Ask your teacher to start a recycling center in your school. Help your parents take trash from your home to the local recycling center.

#### ... Become a Water Leak Detective

Can brushing your teeth be bad? Yes—if you leave the water running when you polish your pearly whites. Leaving the faucet on for just two minutes wastes three to five gallons of water. That's like dumping water out of four big milk cartons! Run your faucet only when you need it.

You can save even more water by doing a little detective work around the house. First, find out where your water meter is. Then check the dial on a day when no one is home. At the end of the day, check the meter again before any water is used. If the dial has moved, there's a hidden leak somewhere in the house. Then it's easy for a grown-up to track it down.

-Eric Elfman



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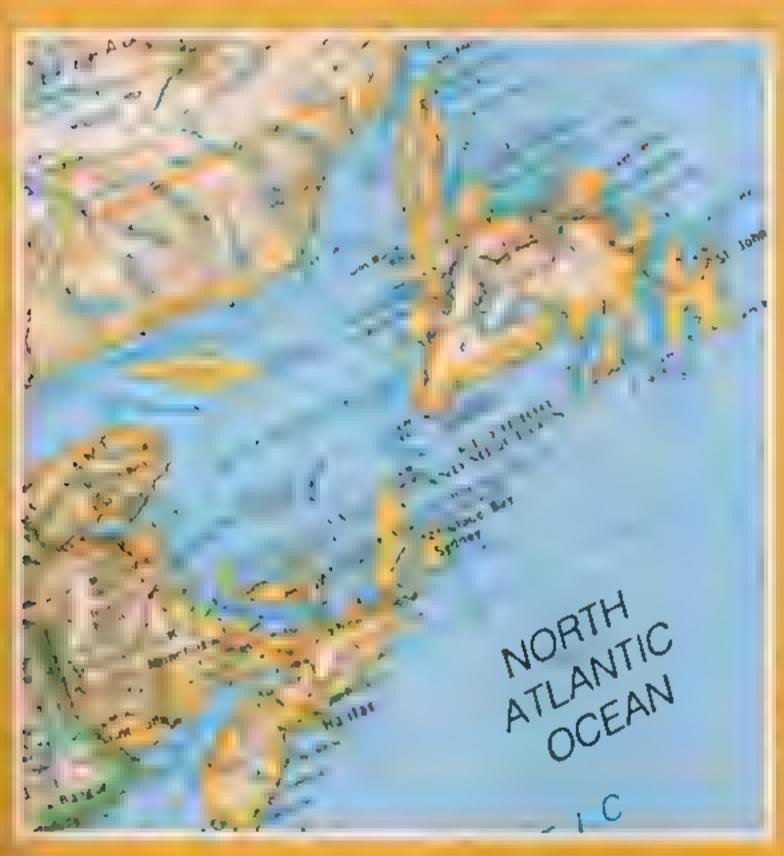
Many zoos are building habitats to protect endangered species such as the bald eagle



his bird looks like a joke. But this seabird is seriously amazing.

With its stubby wings, it can fly like a bee or swim underwater like a seal. It's only one-foot high but a puffin can carry up to 20 fish in its beak! You can see them along the coast of the North Atlantic Ocean (like in Maine) where they live in colonies of up to 10,000 birds called rafts.

They nest in small caves carved out of cliffs. Sometimes they dig these out themselves using their beaks and strong claws. Other times, they steal their homes from other animals like rabbits. Not so funny for the bunny.



Puffins hang out in coastal regions along the North Atlantic Ocean.



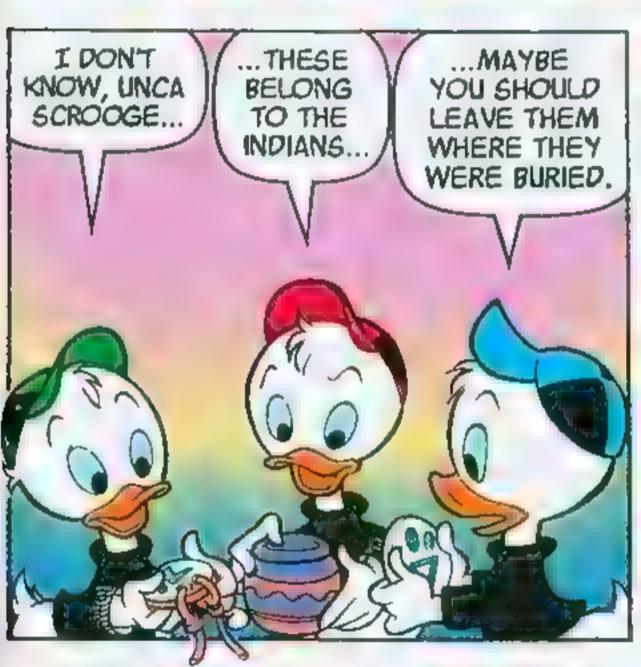
### **Puffin Facts**

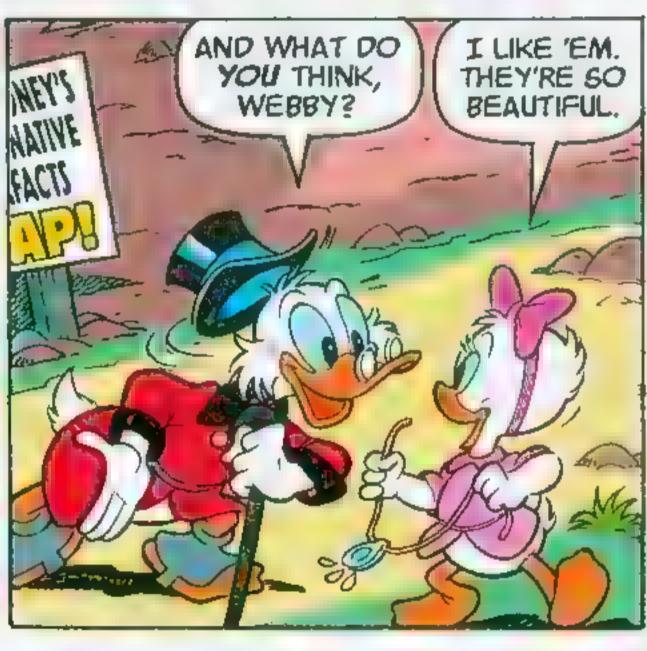
- During breeding season, the puffin's feet turn from yellow to red and its beak becomes enlarged and colorful. This helps the puffin attract a mate.
- Puffins lay just one egg a year. (Compared to a chicken that lays about 300 eggs a year!) The puffin chick is fed by both parents until it is about 40 days old.
- When puffins meet, they shake their bills to greet each other.

--Judie Lewellen







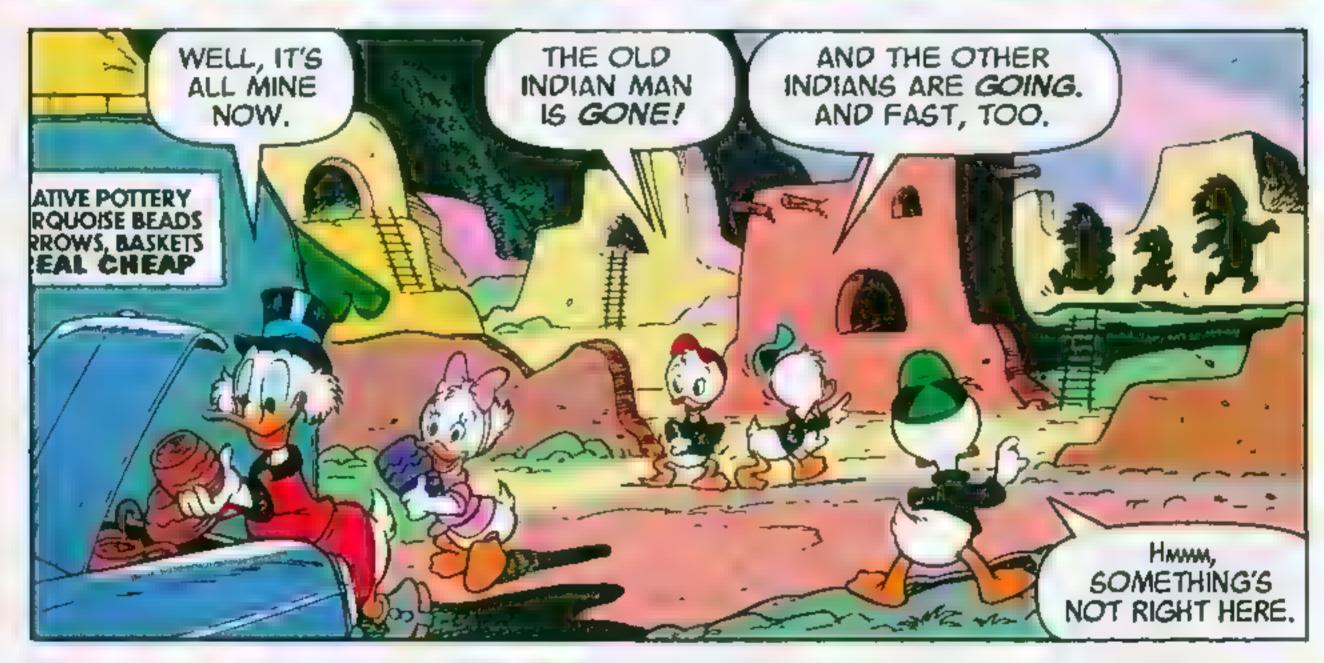




















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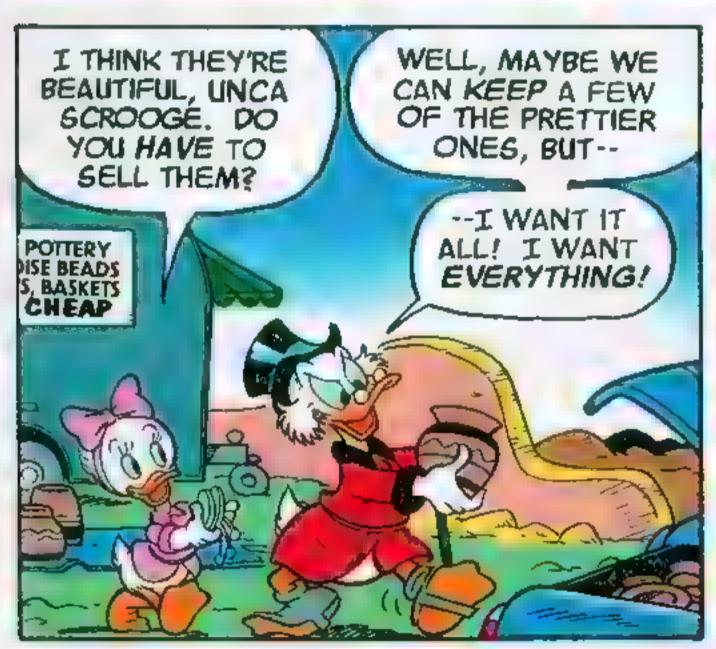








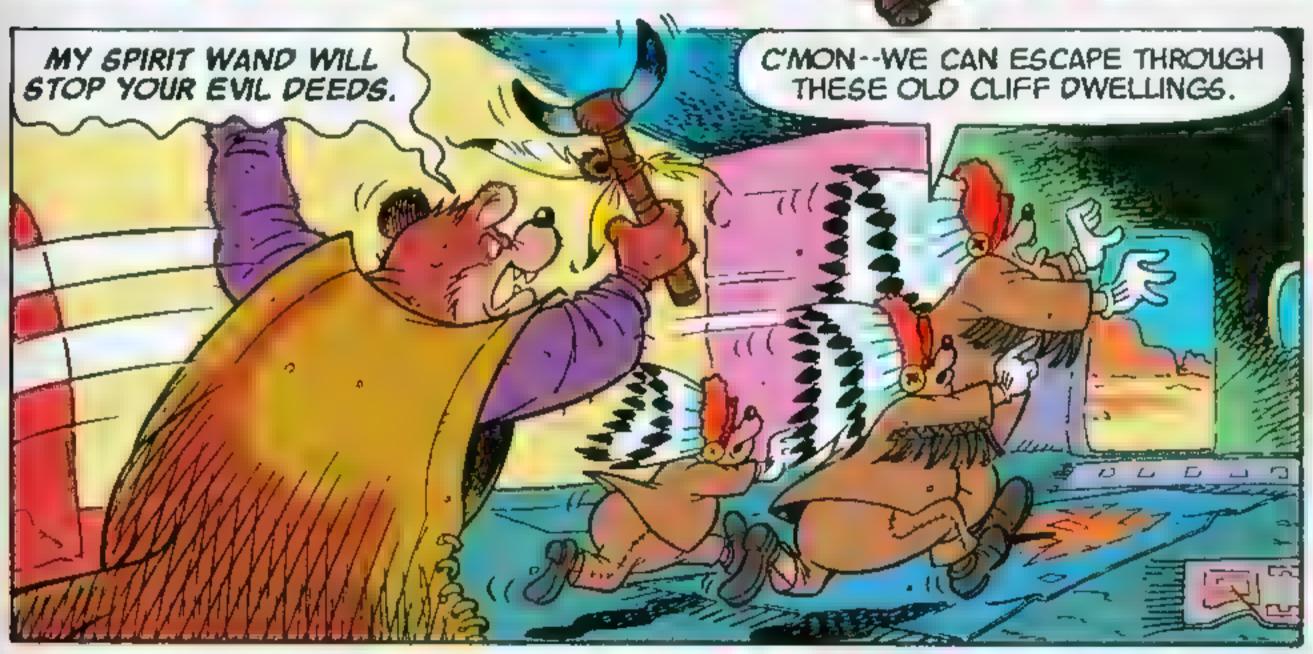


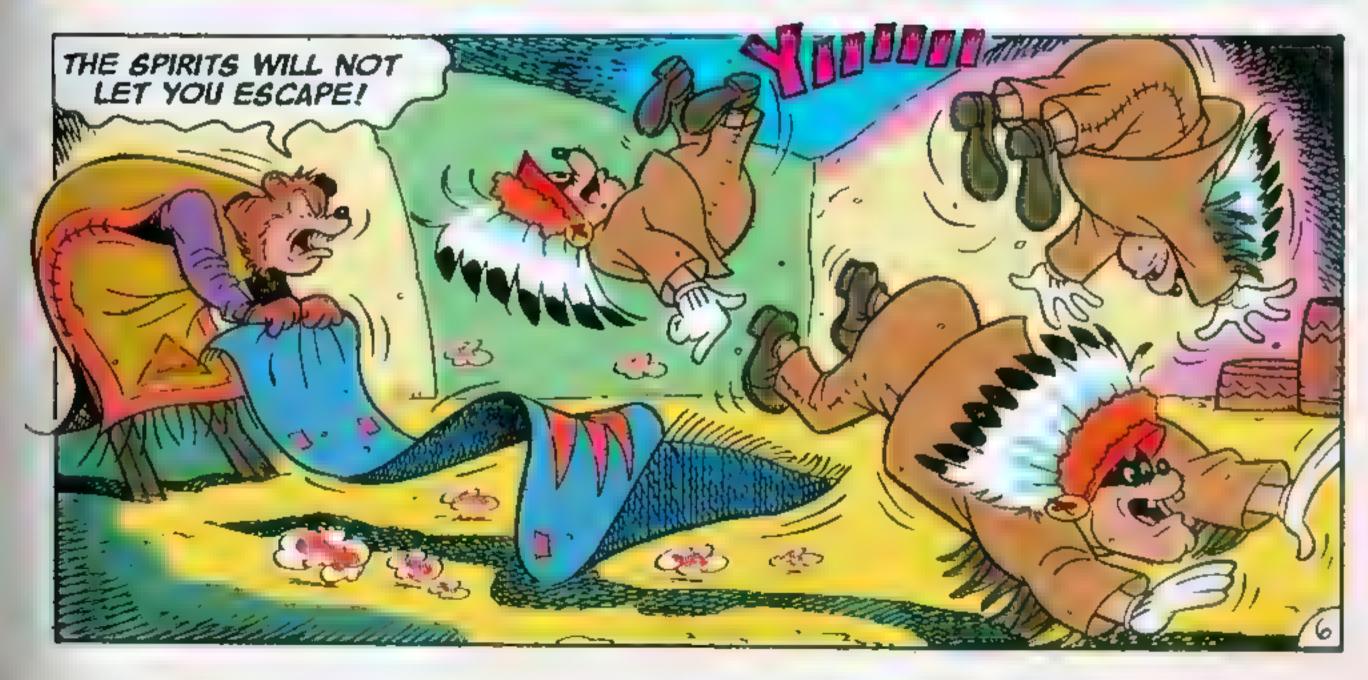










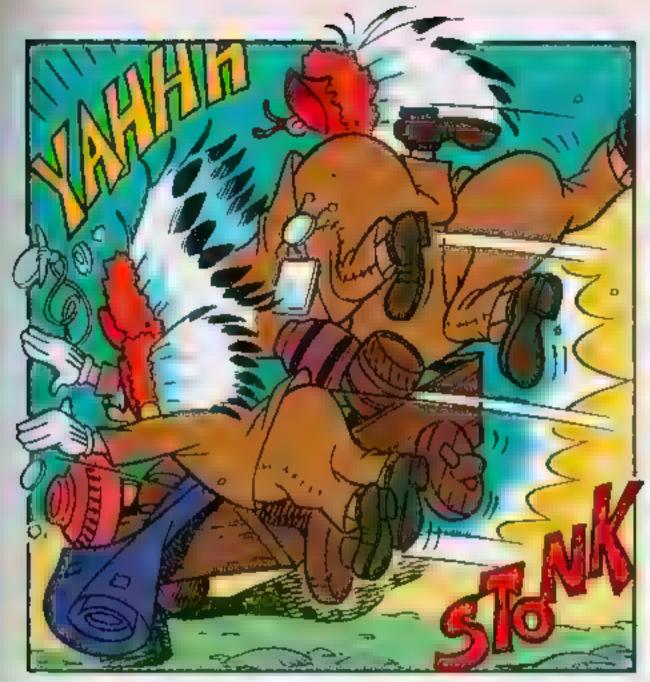










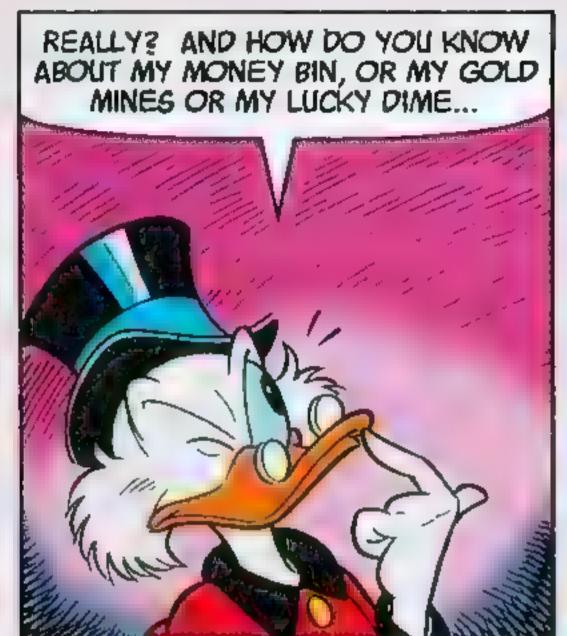


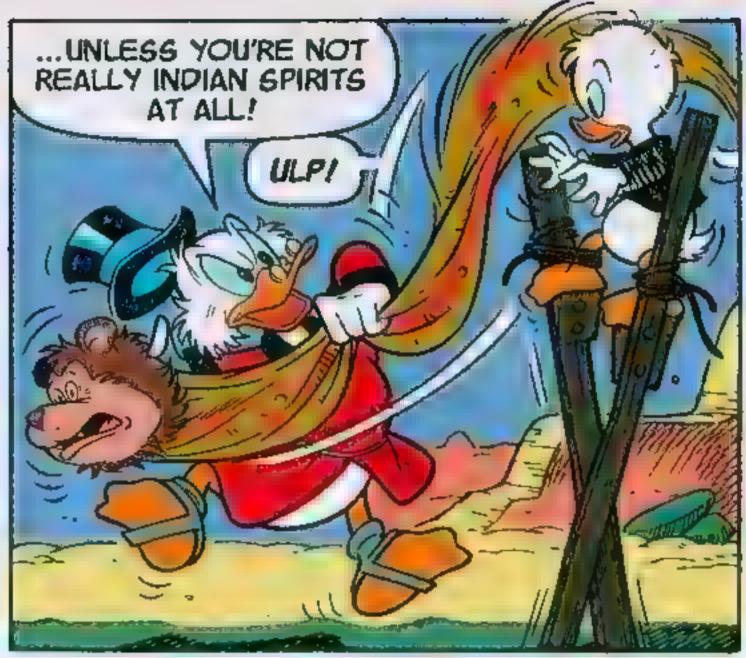




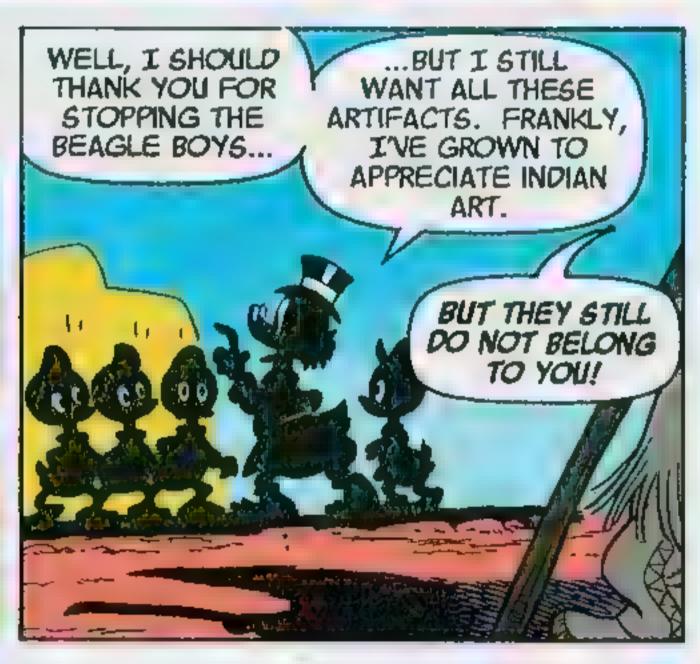


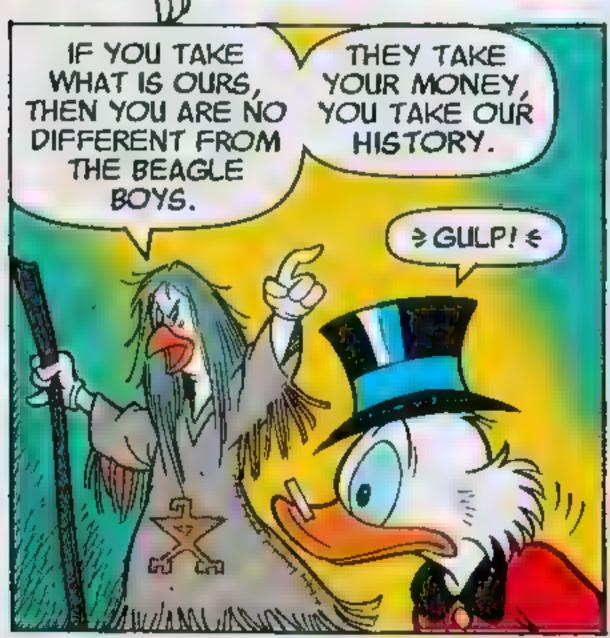


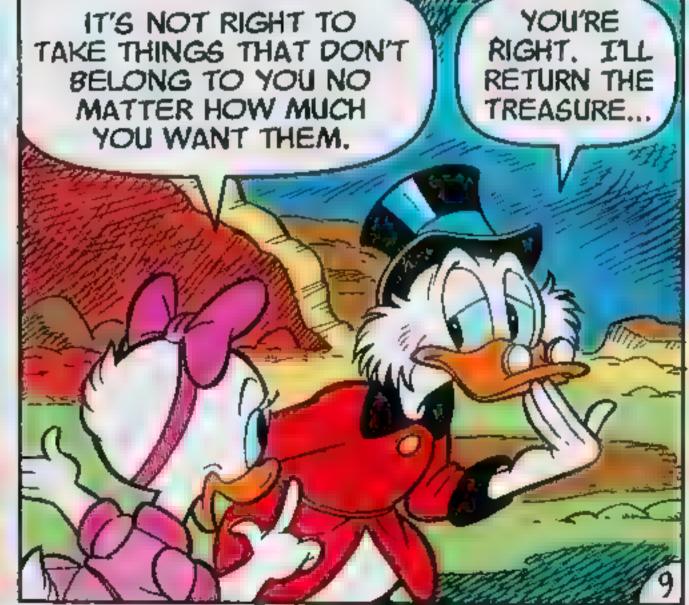


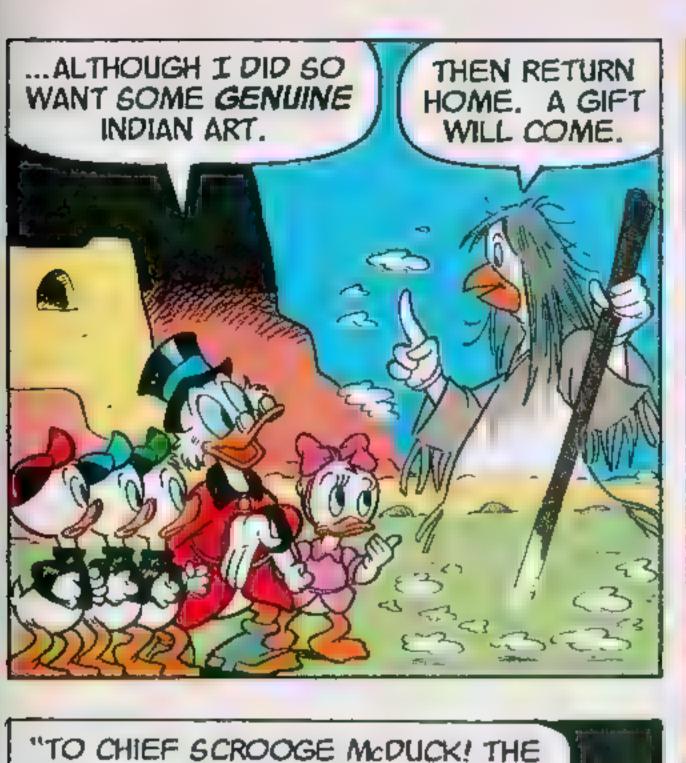


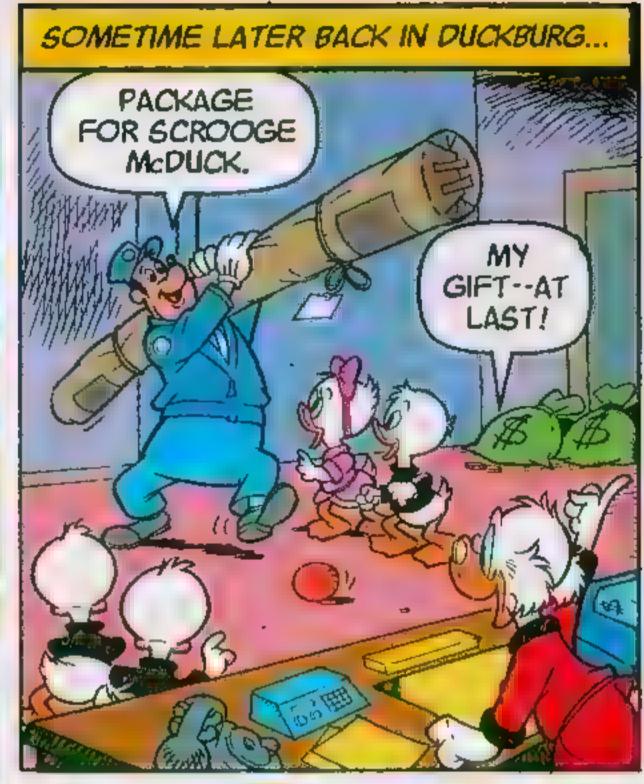
















### MAJOR MAGICAL I

There's nothing up "Amazing Ashley"
Adam's sleeve...except maybe a dove named
Merlin. Or a very long silk scarf. Or a metal
ring or two.

This guy is one major magical dude. At age 12, he's the youngest member of the Fort Worth (Texas) Magician's Club. Recently, Ashley won the 1990 Al Levulis Award for Most Promising Young Magician.

What's his secret? "Magicians never tell their secrets," Ashley says. But he will admit that "practice, practice, practice makes magic as perfect as it will ever be."

Ashley performs at least once a week for audiences that range from 25 to 300 people. Sometimes he performs for charity, other times for money. He's saving up to buy a stereo and hopes to put enough away for college.

Ashley can also be a jokester. At school dances, he'll perform coin tricks and return watches that mysteriously "disappear." He also teases his grandmother by making her pencils vanish, then finding them where she least expects them to be—like behind her ear.

What's the coolest thing about being a magician? "Watching the audience react to my tricks," Ashley says. "When it's right, you feel magical. You can even fool yourself!"

---Melissa Mia Hall



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Every day, twice a day, we see Commander Chuck zip past our high-rise windows in his big yellow helicopter, reporting on Los Angeles traffic. So we sent our roving reporter Lara up to get a view of this guy's job.

On schedule, Commander
Chuck picked Lara up from the top
of a 28-story building. "It was so
LOUD!" Lara says. "With the
engine and blades going, I
couldn't hear a thing!" Chuck
plugged Lara into some earphones
and they talked by pressing on a
floor pedal on the floor and
speaking into a microphone.

This was the same microphone Chuck used to give his traffic reports to the radio station. Lara says she had to be careful not to talk while he was LIVE on air, or else her voice would have been heard by millions of people.

They were just about to fly over Lara's house when Chuck got a call on the radio: a major car crash on the freeway!

In a flash, the copter was hovering over a pile-up of cars. Chuck calmly explained to radio station listeners where the accident was and how bad it looked. He also told them just how long the cars behind the accident could expect

to be stuck in traffic.

Chuck says his job does get scary at times. "Especially when it's foggy out and my visibility is low," he says. "And that's when people need traffic reports the most." So he painted his chopper bright yellow and red and is always on alert for mid-air collisions.

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When Lara

was finally back on ground, it took
her hours to get rid of her "chopper
legs. My legs felt like they were still
vibrating from the ride." But the
worst part was, "I drove away in
my car and got stuck in traffic." So
she tuned into Commander Chuck
to find out why....

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LOOK FOR WAYS TO WIN THIS FALL IN









Christopher Lees

hope they don't think I'm a computer nerd, because I'm not. Actually, I want to be a

lawyer or get a business degree, or both. I love being on the mock trial team at school.

"When I was 5 or 6 my parents gave me a computer and I just started playing with it. I took a bunch of computer classes and did a lot of reading and studying.

"On Saturdays I do volunteer work at the pharmacy of the Doctors Hospital nearby. One day I presented them with a system I designed to ease their workload. They loved it. Pretty soon different. doctors asked me to write programs for them. So I started my own computer consulting business. Now I charge \$20 an hour.

"But if they want my services, they have to pick me up and drop me off, because I'm not allowed to drive yet, which is a big drag.

"Besides my consulting business, I work at a computer store and I announce all the sporting events at Poly High. I also manage the: school's basketball team and sing in the church choir.

"Do I have a girlfriend? Give me a break."



## ON THE FAST TRACK!

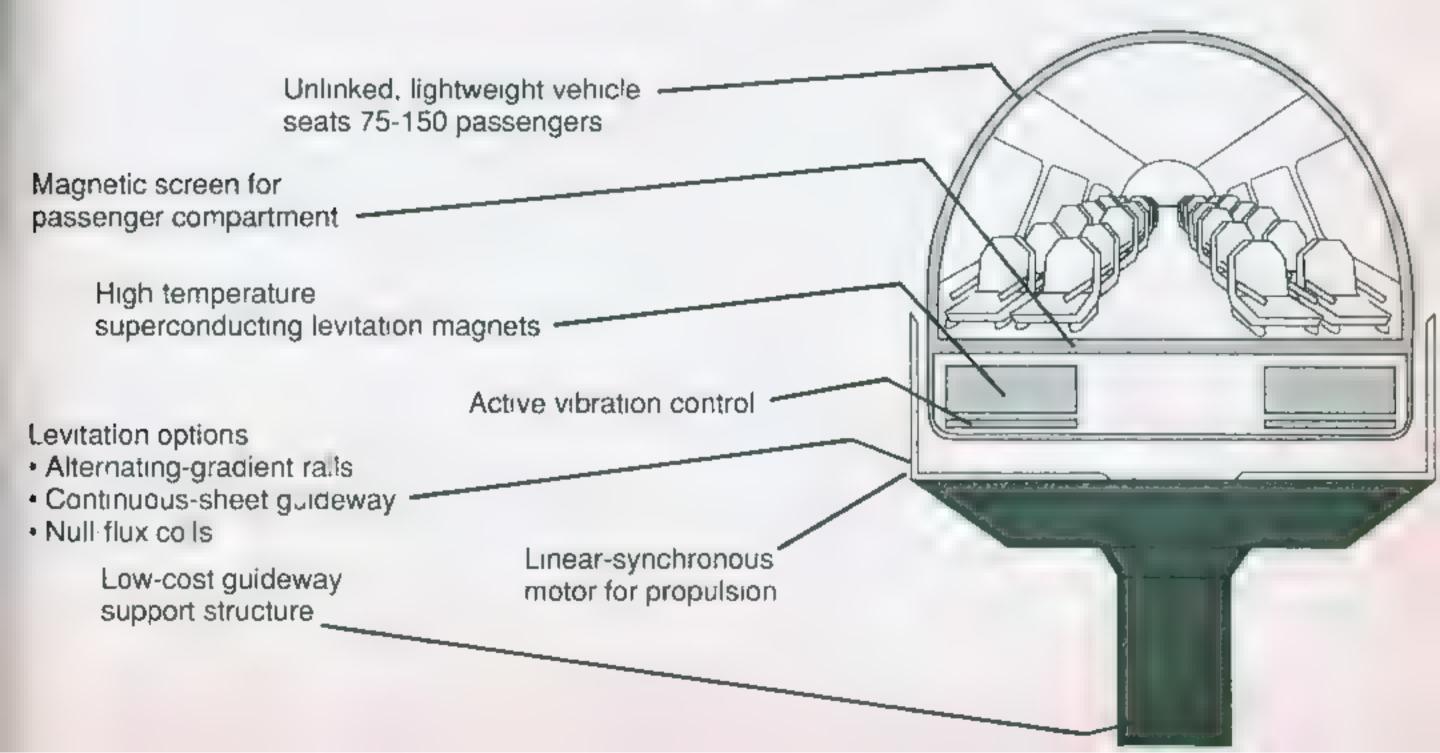
This train has no wheels, but it flies. It goes 300 miles an hour but hardly makes a sound. Give up? It's called a mag-lev train, and it may be on its way to YOUR town!

Mag-lev stands for MAGnetic LEVitation. Here's how it works: You know how you put two like magnets on a table and they push away from each other? Well, on a mag-lev train, magnets on the train's bottom push away from the magnets in the track.

Although this sounds like science fiction, a French engineer named Emile Bachelet actually used magnetic forces to levitate and propel a vehicle back in 1912. Today Japan and West Germany have mag-lev models that carry thousands of passengers on test runs.

In your future, you could be hopping aboard a mag-lev train bound for the 7-11 or a movie theatre. You may even hop aboard and go off to another state instead of flying on a plane. Scientists are working on bringing this super-fast "flying train" to the United States. So don't blink...it could be "floating" past real soon!

—Richie Chevat





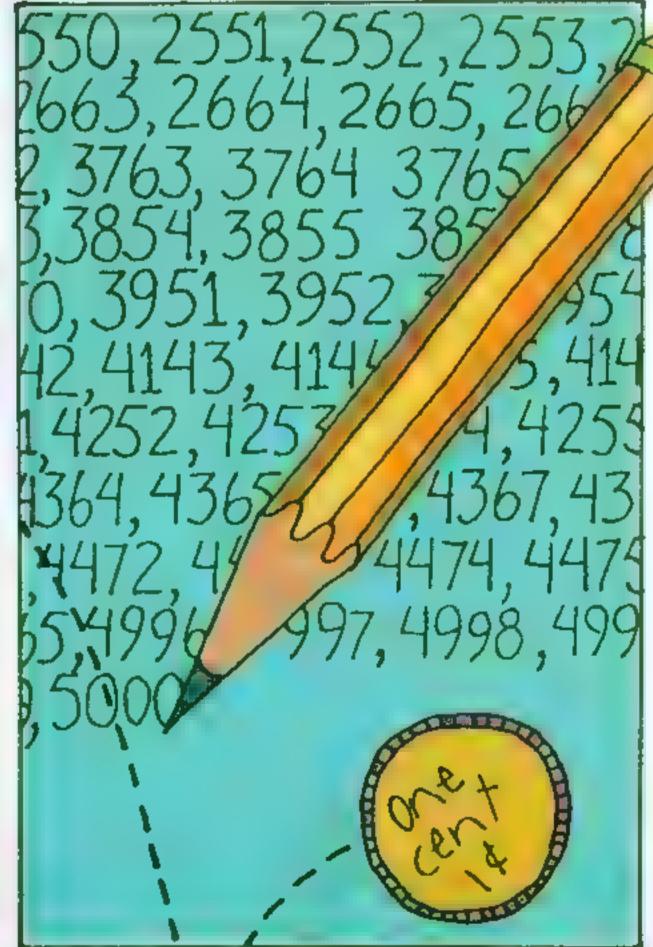
#### A lotta nerve!

Nerves are what make us feel pain and other physical sensations. The adult human body has about 45 miles of the long, stringy things. That's more than 230,000 feet, or almost 800 city blocks! No wonder it's so easy to get on them!



## Write on, and on, and on,

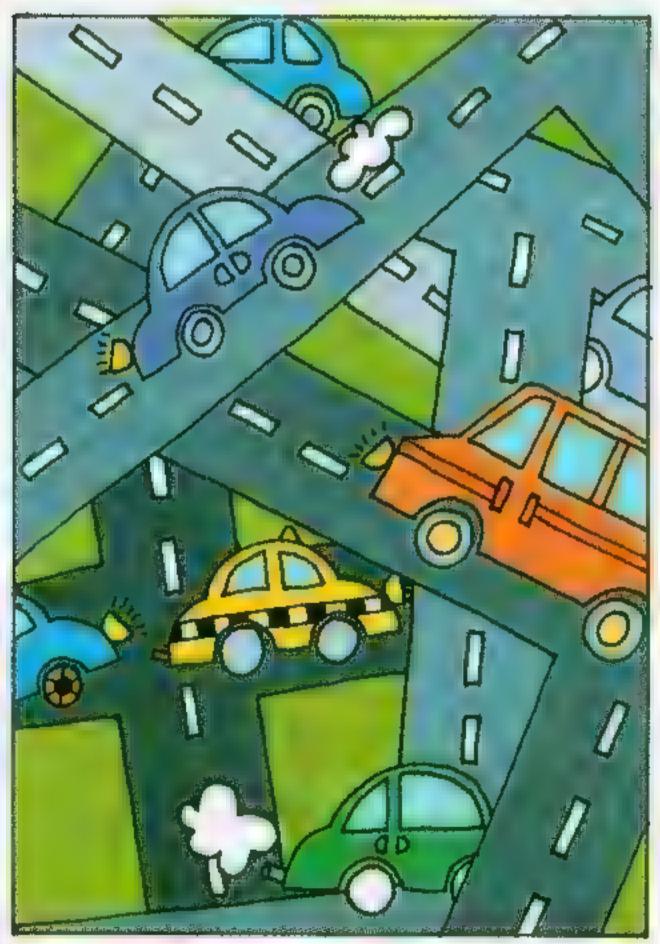
They say that one picture is worth a thousand words. Well, just one single, simple pencil is worth 50,000 words. If you don't believe it, try writing that many down on paper. Or, you can draw a straight line and still prove that one ordinary pencil will go a long way. You can draw one for about 35 miles before getting down to the eraser. If the average Number 2 pencil sells for 10 cents, that's three-and-a-half miles—or 5,000 words—per penny!



## Along way to go

OK, the human body has 45 miles of nerves and one pencil can draw a 35-mile line...but how far do you think the average person will actually travel in a lifetime? Half of all Americans (not counting astronauts and airline pilots) will travel a million miles, most of them by car. How many miles do you think you've traveled in the last year?

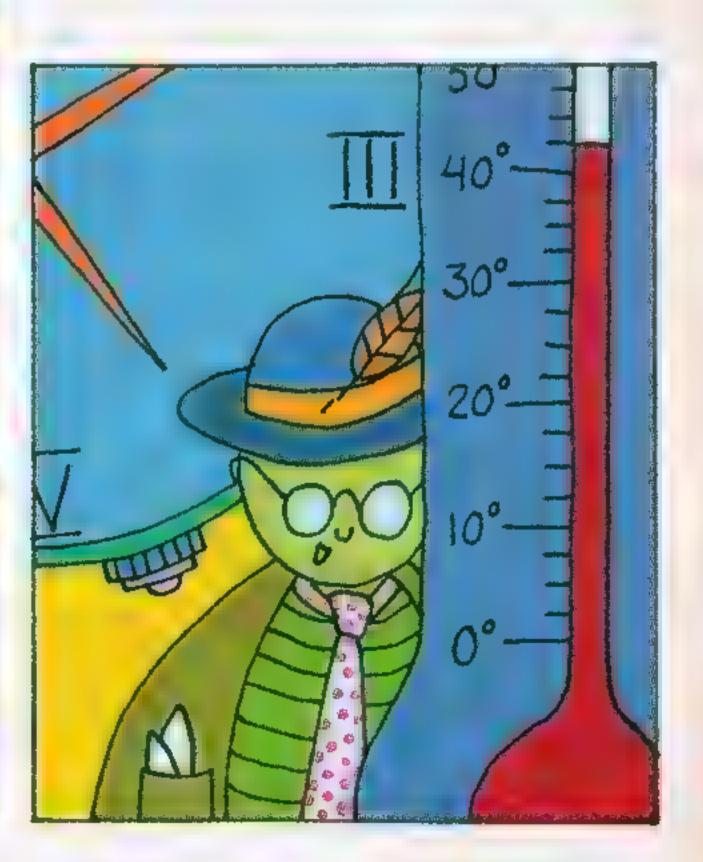
Find out how far it is to school, multiply by the number of trips per day, then multiply by the number of school days. Add and estimate for weekend trips and vacations, too.



#### Bug thermometer

Of course, bugs can't talk. But a cricket can tell you something. By checking a watch and doing a little arithmetic, a cricket can tell you how hot or cold it is. All you have to do is subtract 40 from the number of chirps you hear in one minute, then divide that number by 4 and then add 58. You'll get the exact temperature! You don't believe it? Here's an example:

100	Chirps in a minute
- 40	Minus 40
= 60	Equals 60
/ 4	Divided by 4
= 15	Equals 15
+ 58	Add 58
= 73	Equals 73 degrees (F)





#### Space Shuttle Mission Patches

You can buy the embroidered mission patches just like the space shuttle astronauts wear on their uniforms. AB Emblems is the same company that supplies the patches to the Johnson Space

Center. They
have patches
from the
current
missions for
about \$5

Here is the fourth computer game in this popular series. If you've played any of the "Carmen" games with your friends or in school, you know that you follow this colorful thief and her henchmen around the world. Clues to finding her are based on real facts. In this new game (\$44.95), you



each, as well as patches from the pioneering Mercury and Gemini space missions (\$3 each) and the Apollo moon missions, too. For a catalog, write to AB Emblems, P.O. Box 82695, Weaverville, NC 28787.

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My First Sony Electronic Sketch Pad

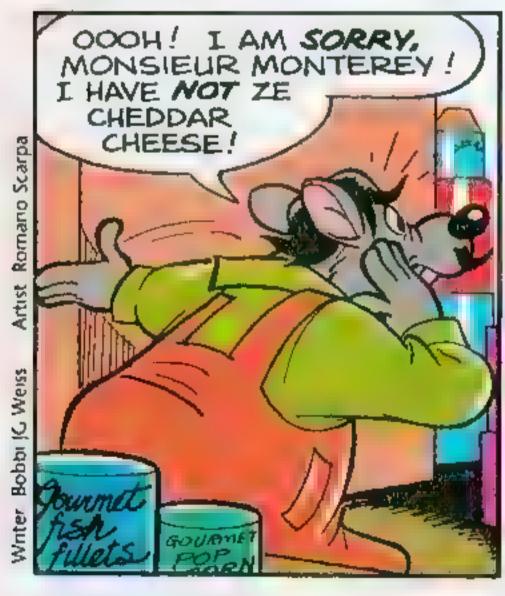
Ihis notebook-sized invention lets you draw on your television set. It's called the Electronic Sketch Pad from My First Sony (\$125). You draw with a special pen in 12 colors and with 28 different "stamps," which are brushes and shapes. You can also play music by drawing on the screen, and it comes with special activity cards for younger



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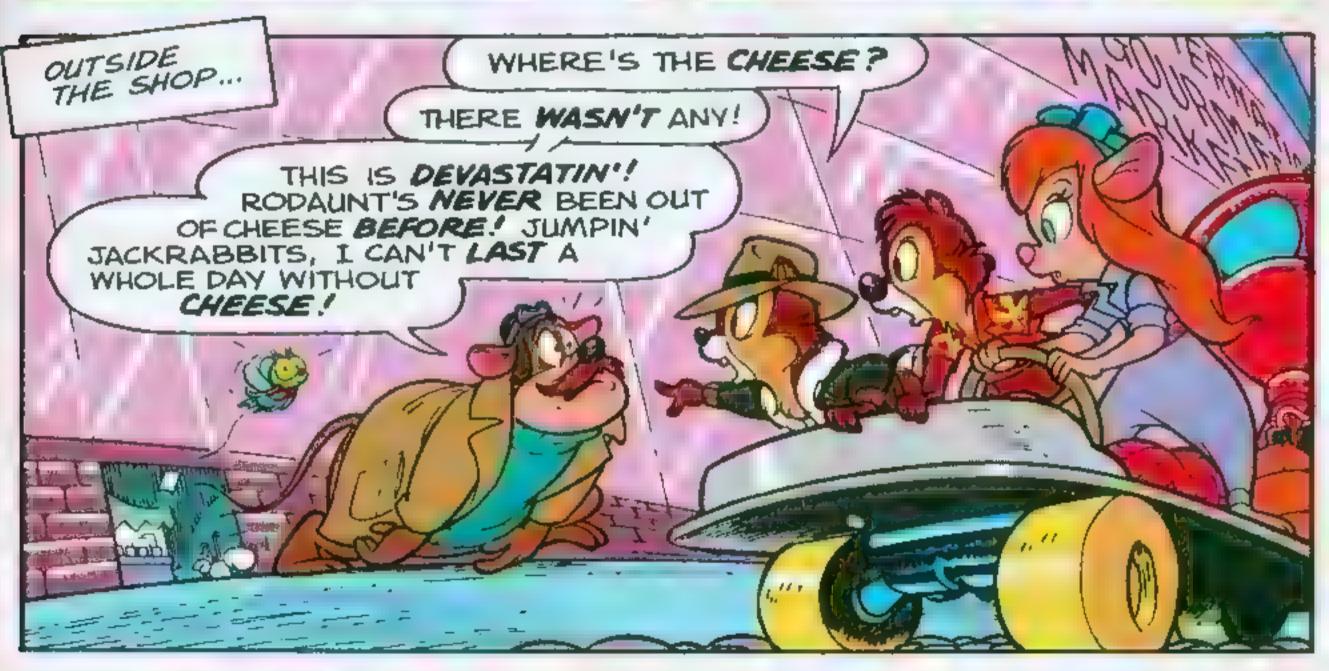






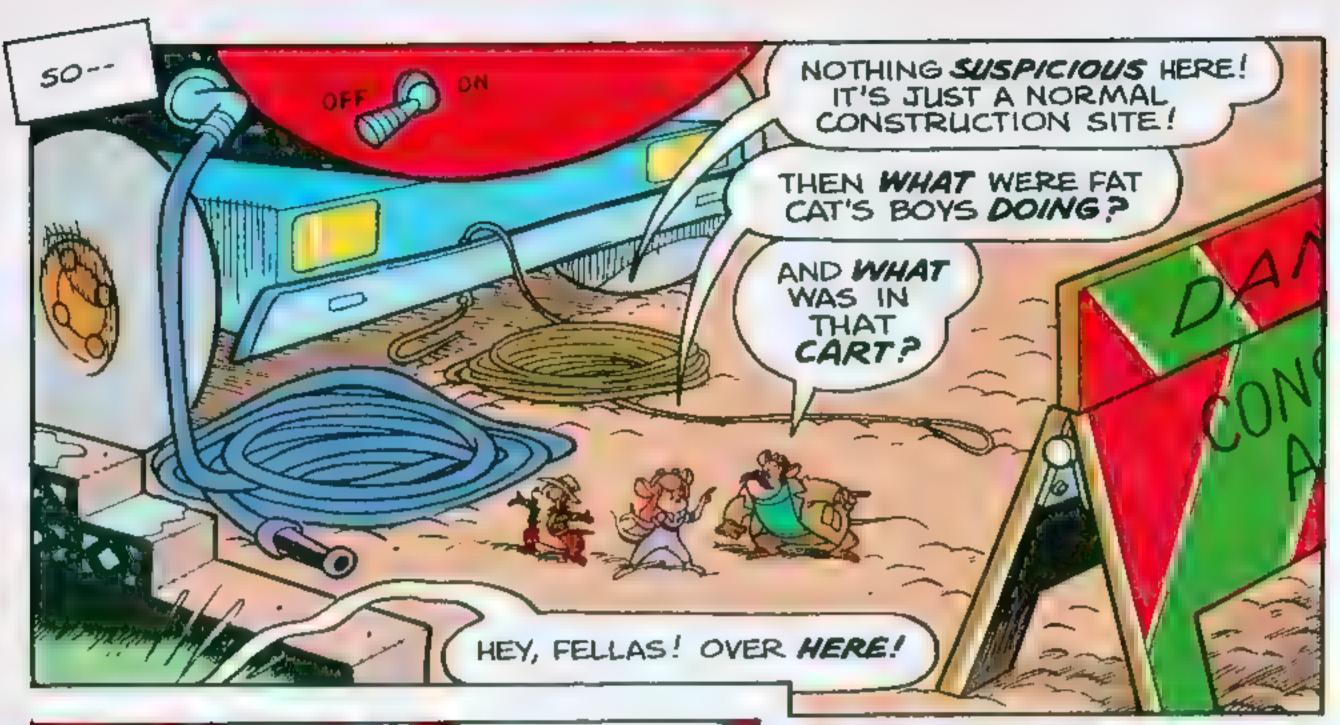


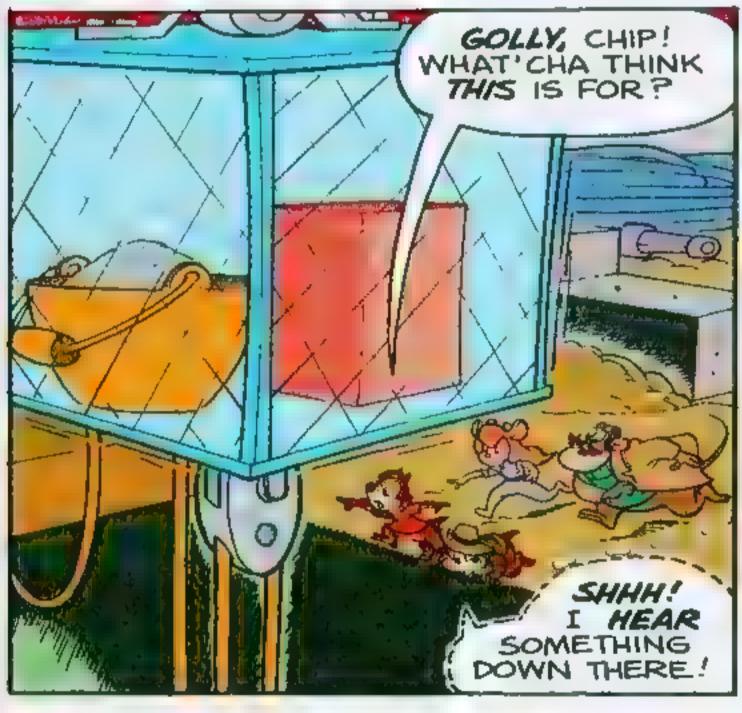












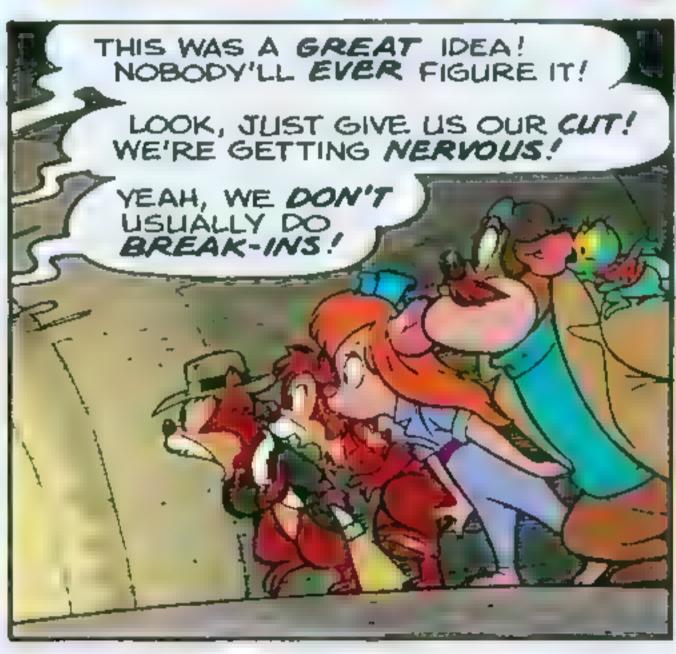






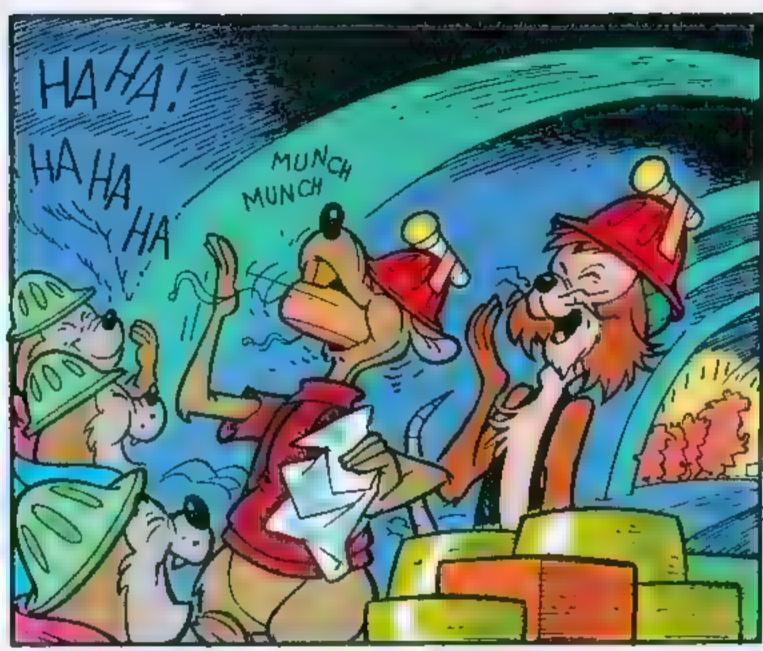


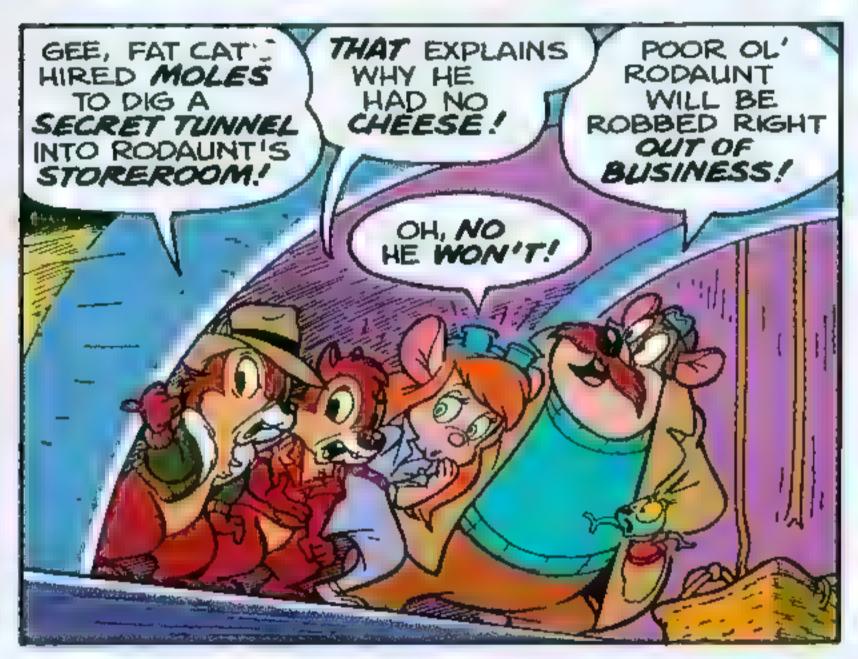






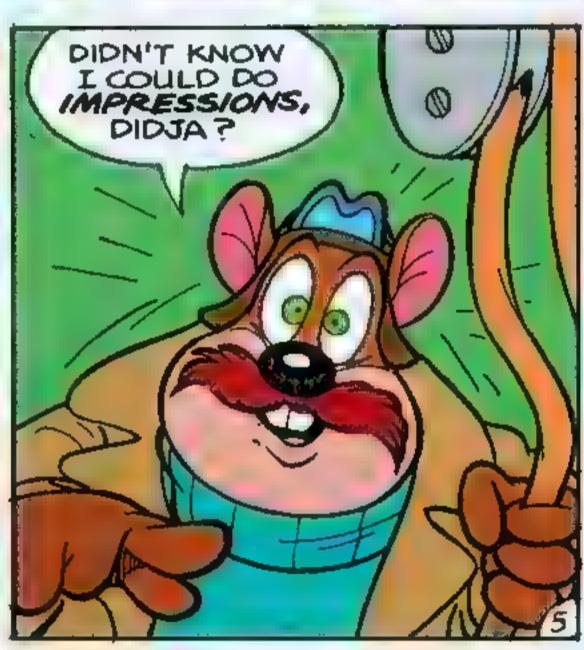


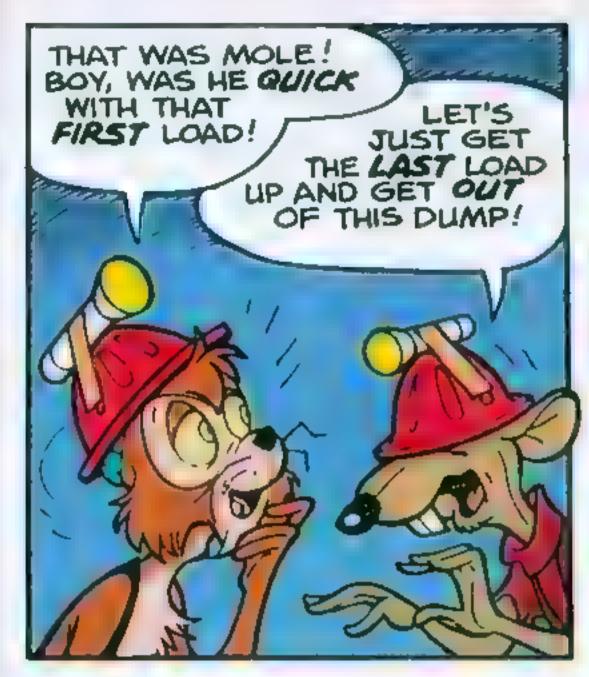










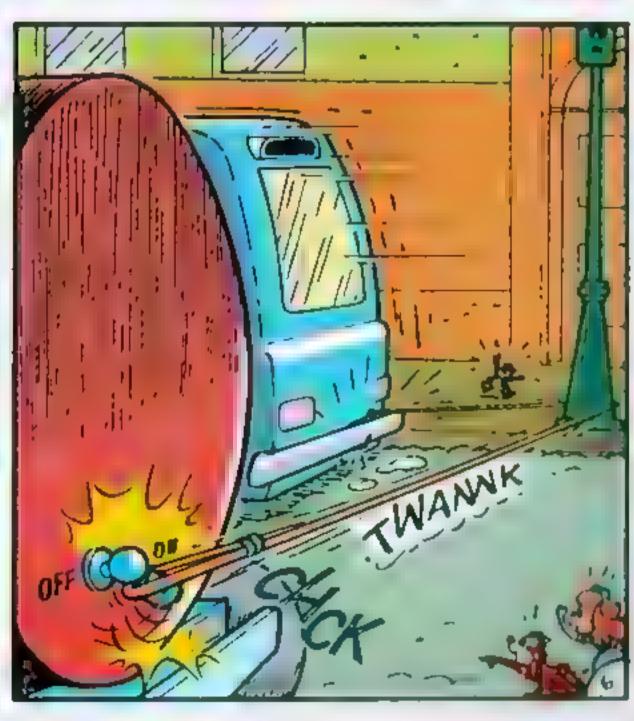


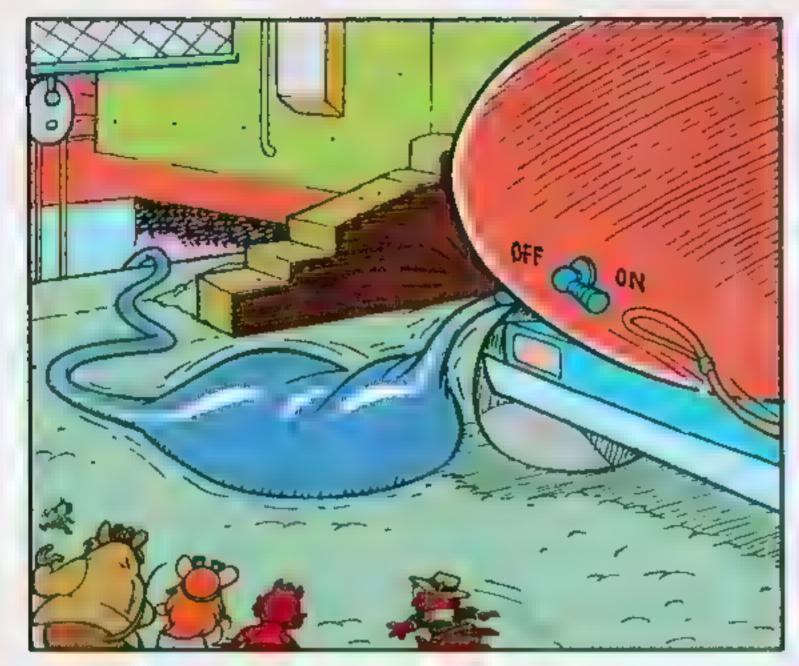
























A C T I O N G U I D E



At 13 years old, Duane
Thomas has traveled the world,
won international competitions
and met President Bush. He's a
world-class gymnast, and less
than 50 U.S. teenagers can
make that claim.

Duane became interested in the sport when he saw the 1984 Olympics on TV. Since then, he's been training almost 20 hours a week—usually getting up before sunrise to do it. His grades are good, but it's tough to find time for homework. "Socially, it's difficult for me, too," he adds. "I don't have a girlfriend, and I have only two close friends, who are both gymnasts."

That dedication is what it takes to become a gymnastics star, says Joe O'Loughlin, Duane's coach. "It also takes strength, flexibility, and control of your body." The better and older you get as a gymnast, the more time you have to



Opposite Page: World class gymnast Duane Thomas trains almost 20 hours a week.

Left: Future gymnast Shelley Engel shines in the floor exercise.

spend working out: lifting weights, doing flexibility exercises and practicing routines.

Although Duane's had injuries, he also knows that the mental side of gymnastics can be as hard as the physical side. "It's easy to get down on yourself if you make a mistake, so you have to have a positive mental attitude," he says.

Shelley Engel, 13, is another future gymnastic star who's been working at her specialty—the parallel bars—since she was 5 years old. "I go to two different schools to fit in my workout schedule," she says. "And I

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Left; Shelley soars to great heights.

Below:
Duane
keeps his
cool on
the rings.

can't go to parties or dances because of practice." But she's watched—and been inspired by—a lot of excellent gymnasts as a member of the Southern California Arco Team Gymnastics Club, one of the country's top training programs for young gymnasts.

Shelley's dream is to win an Olympic medal. "A gold would be good," she admits, "but any medal would be fine." After that, she'd like to go to college on a gymnastics scholarship

and eventually become a gymnastics coach.

tics interests you,
call a local training center. Some
of the most well-known are
Karolyi's in Houston, Texas; The
Parkettes Club in Allentown,
Pennsylvania; and the Southern
California Arco Team Gymnastics Club in Huntington Beach,
California.

-Michael Rozek

It weighs 19 tons—almost as much as two grown elephants. It has eight big fat tires that are 10 feet tall. It took five years to build and cost almost \$150,000.

Meet "Bigfoot 5," the king of the monster trucks.

Driver Jim Kramer remembers that the tires came before the truck. Kramer and company president Bob Chandler—known as the "father of monster trucks"—had passed a junk yard in Seattle, where the huge tires had been since World War II. (The tires had originally been designed for a vehicle called a land train that was used to haul equipment across the frozen wasteland of Alaska.) For two or three years, Chandler made offers to buy the tires. Finally,

# MONST ROUS TRUCK TRUCK

the owner sold them for \$3,000 each.

"We actually didn't know what to do with them," laughed Kramer. So in 1986 they built the world's biggest monster truck.

This huge hunk of steel is now on display at Bigfoot headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. It can't compete with today's monsters, which are sleeker, lighter and faster—usually less than half the weight of Bigfoot 5.

But the original still has one big—make that monster—advantage. "Other trucks get stuck in the mud, but Bigfoot 5 won't," says Scott Johnston, the





Hacky Sack

It's a footbag. Okay, but what's a footbag? Simple. It's a small, soft leather ball that you

kick in the air. The only rule?

Can't let it touch the ground! Kenny Schultz, a high school kid from Portland, Oregon, kept his Hacky Sack in the air for more than two hours nonstop! For more information, write to the World Footbag Association, 1317 Washington Avenue, Suite 7, Golden, CO 80401.



NHL hockey players and the U.S. Olympic ski team have more in common than frozen water. They both go "blading." They use Rollerblades as an off-season training tool. Rollerblades are roller skates with the wheels all in a line. They're faster than regular roller skates. People say blading is like ice skating

on the street. In fact, they were

created by hockey players who wanted a way to train in the summer. For more information, call

Rollerblades at 1-800-232-ROLL.

#### The Sportscope

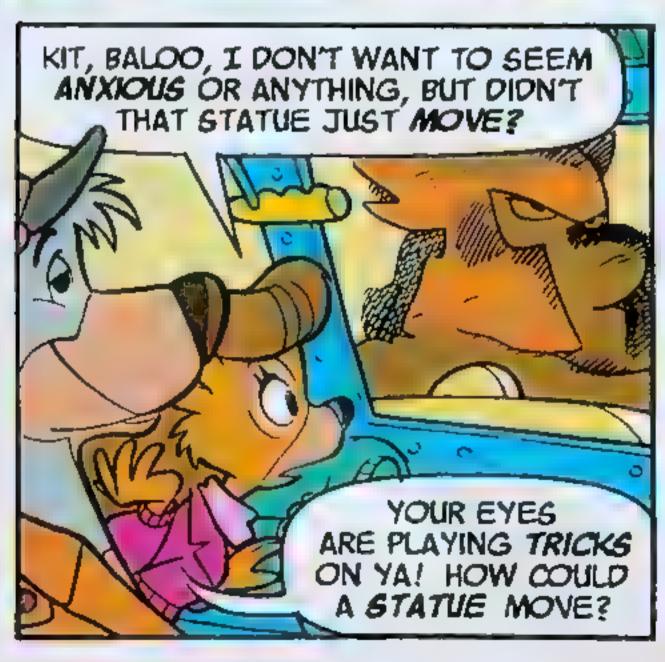
Stuck in the back of a crowd? Here's how to check on what's going on. It's the Sportscope. This toy is made mostly of plastic, and sells for less than \$50. You'll feel at least two feet taller! Carolina Pacific, P.O. Box 441, Burlingame, CA 94011.











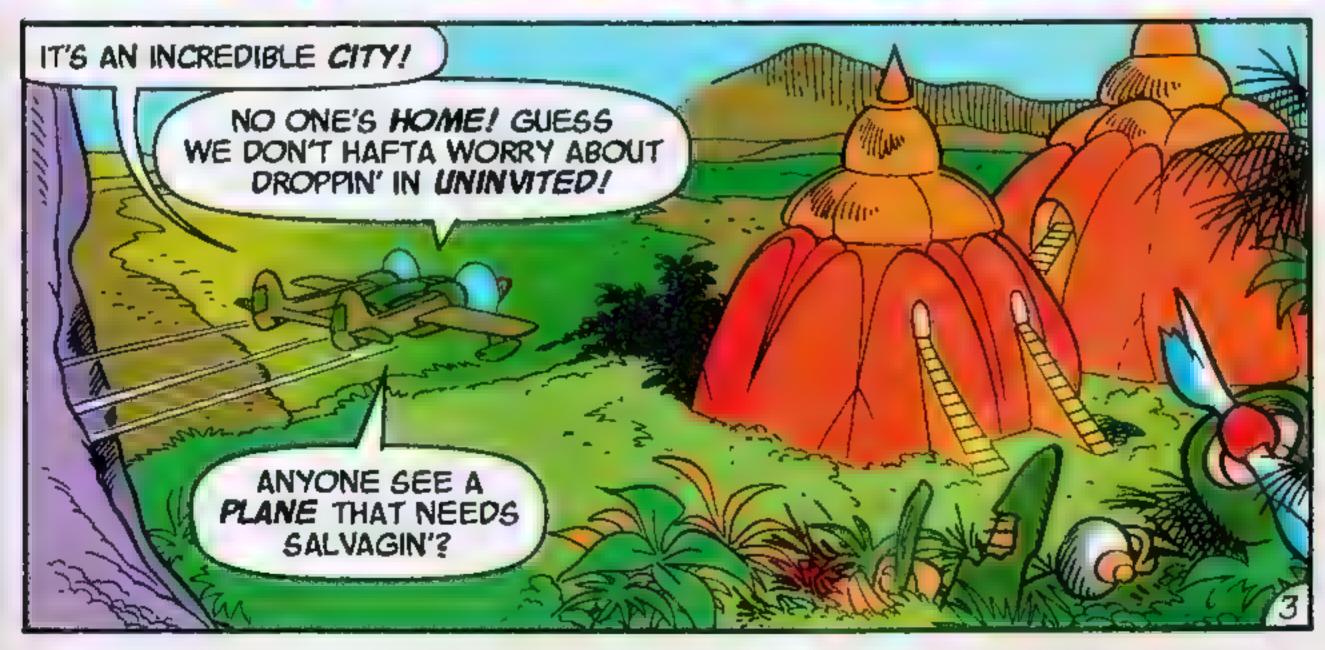


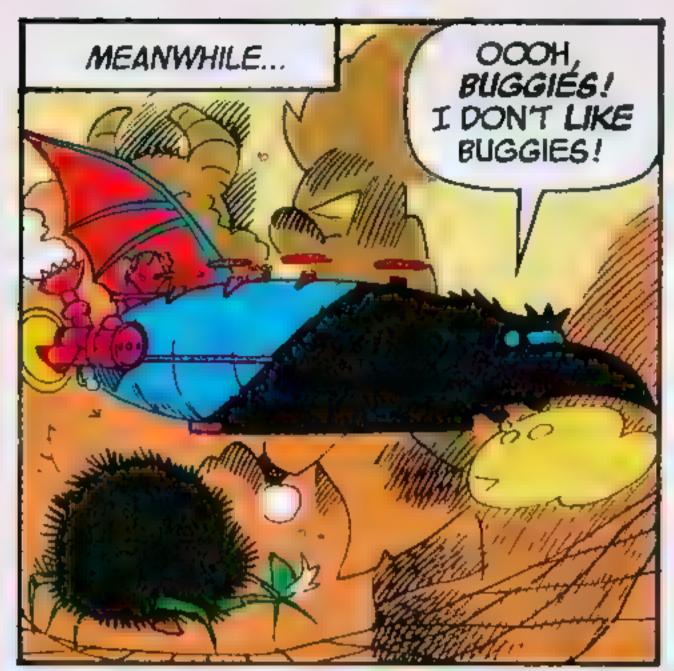


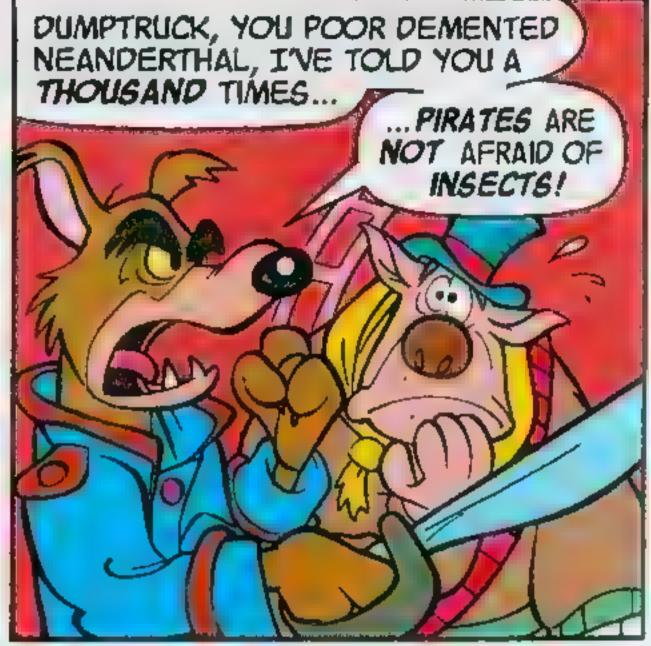


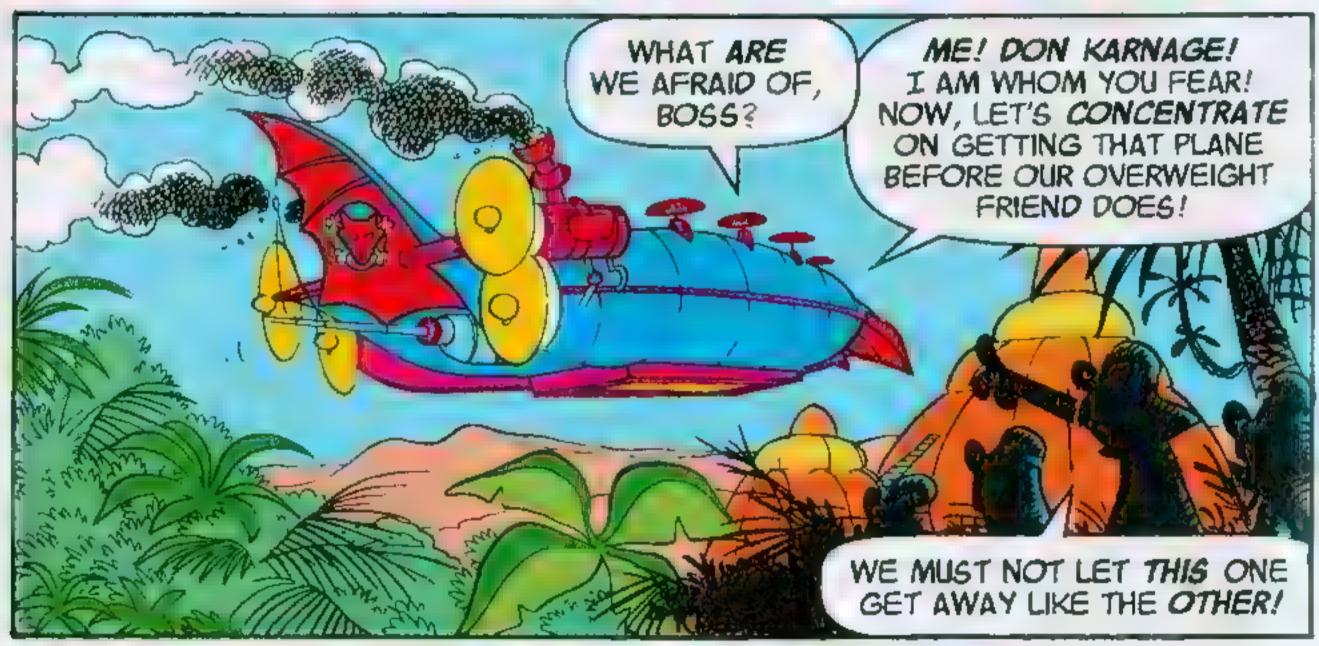






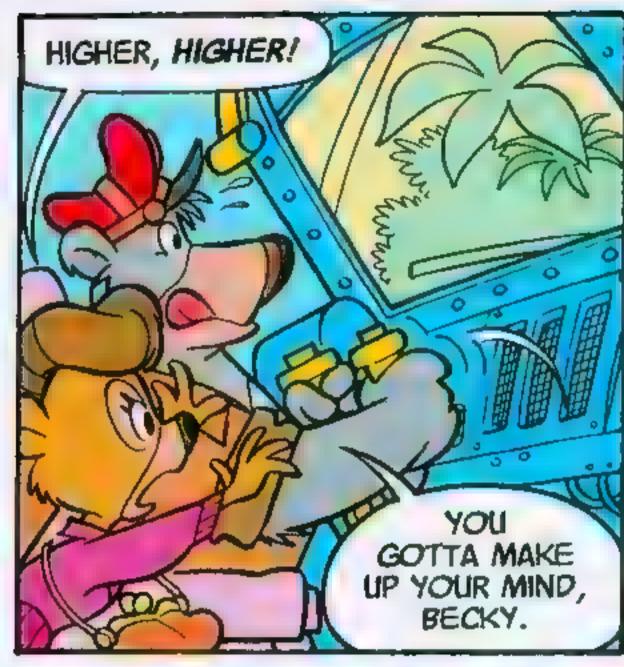








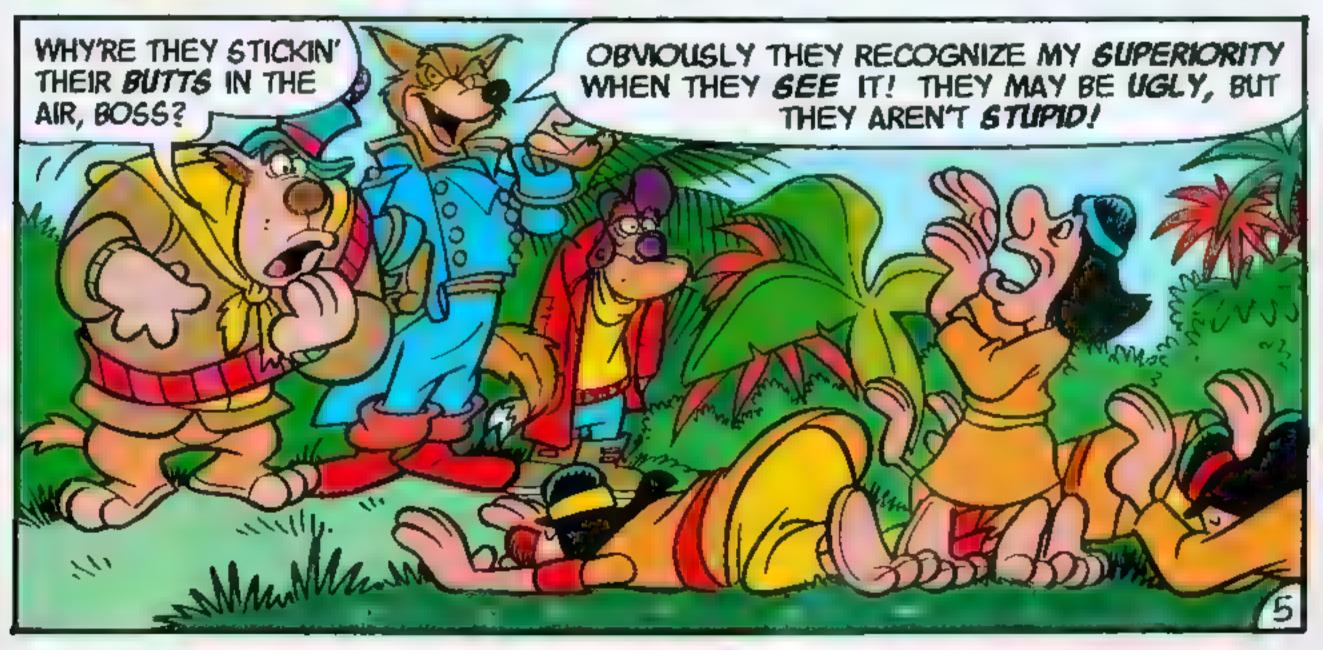






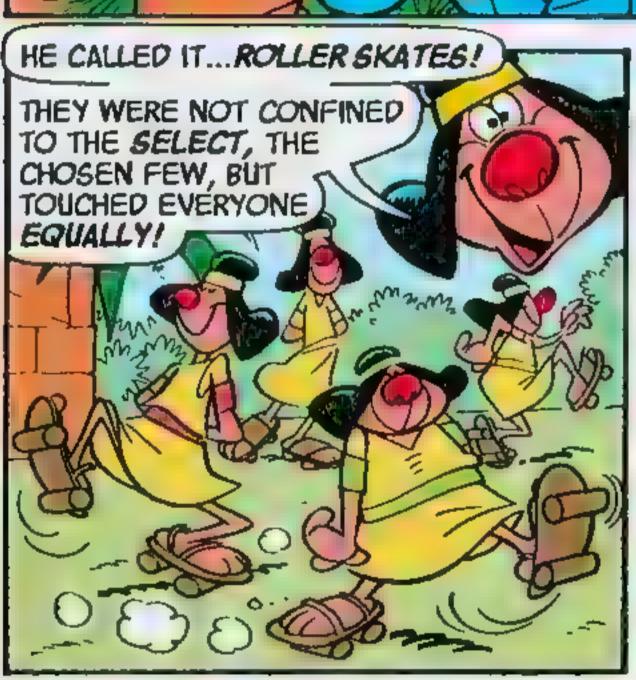










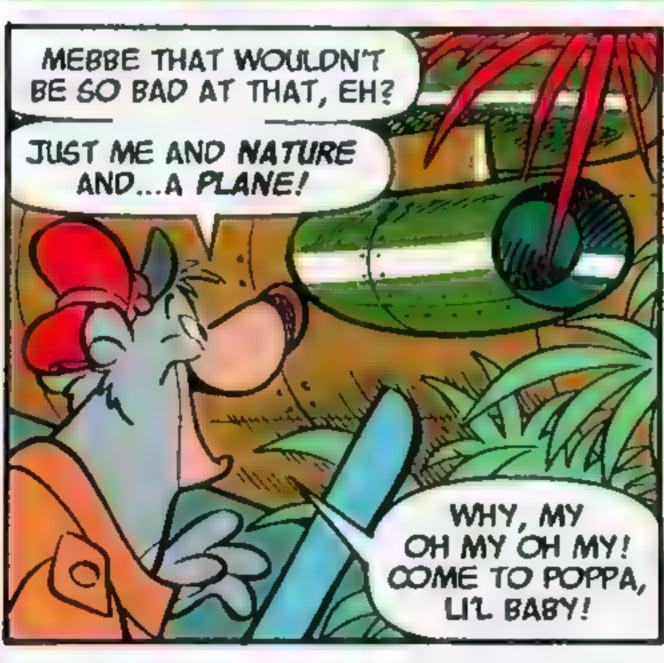


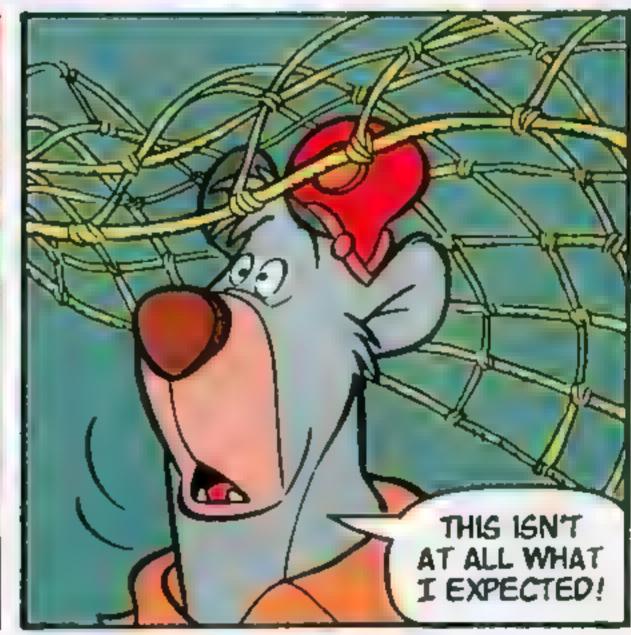
















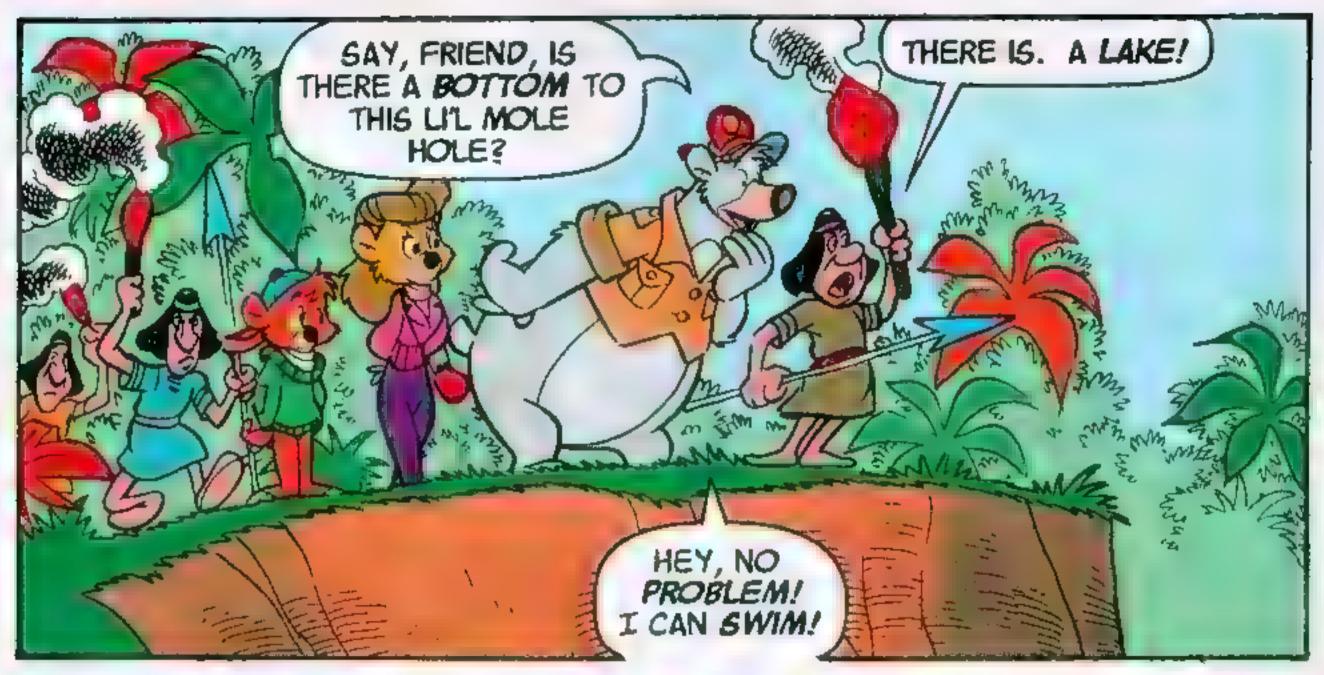


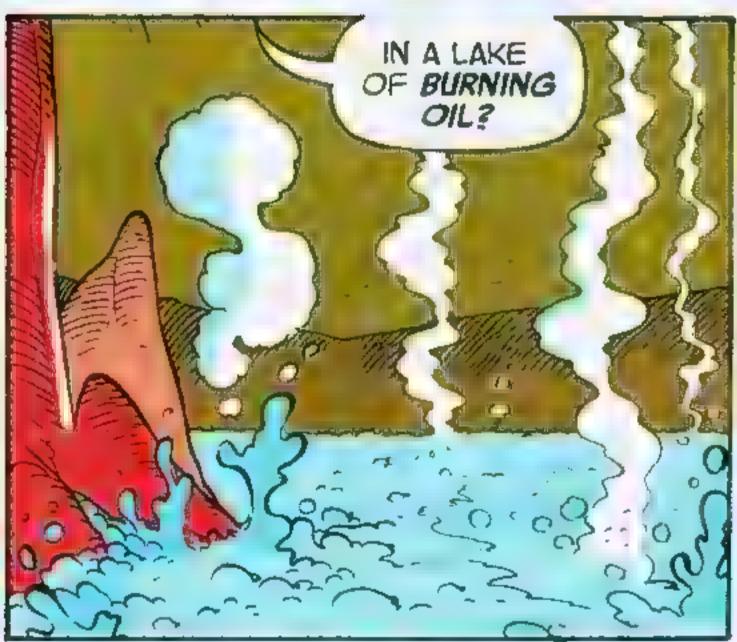
























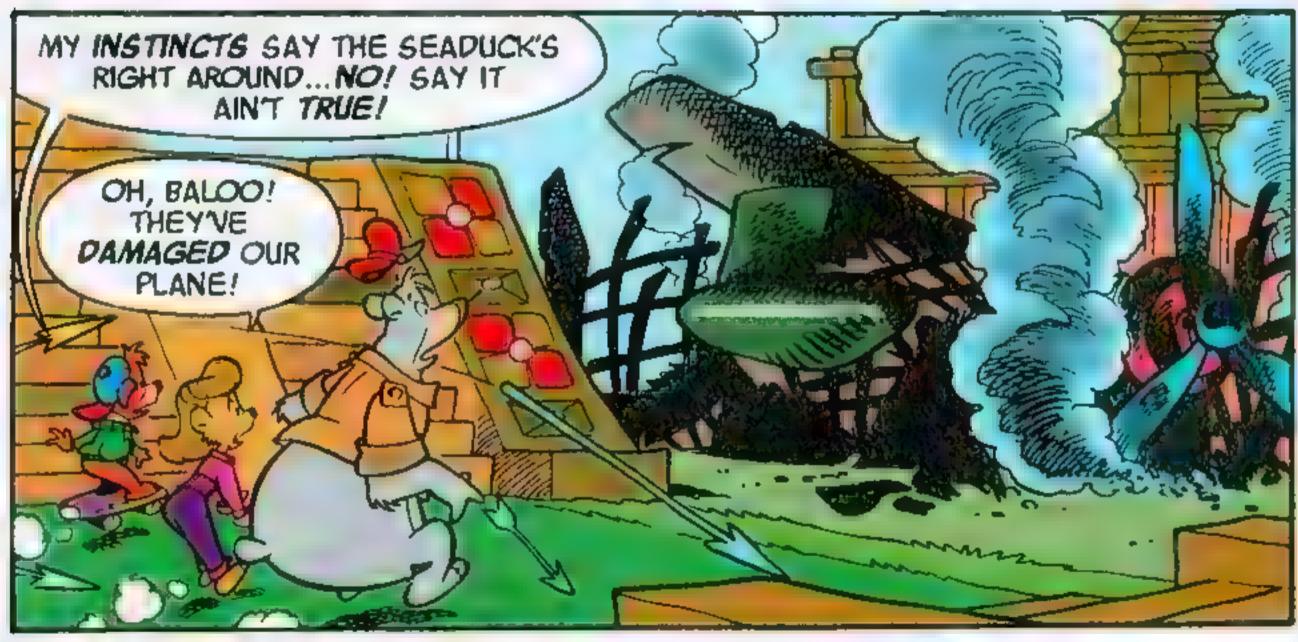








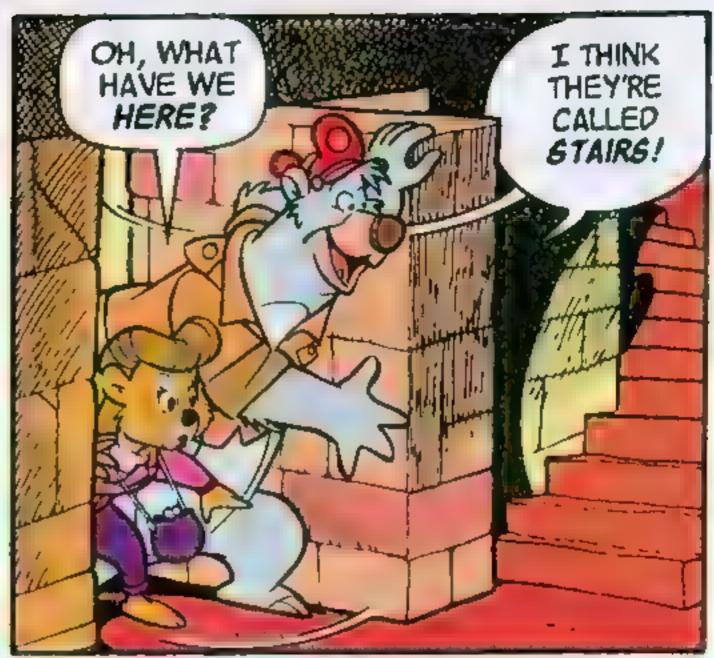


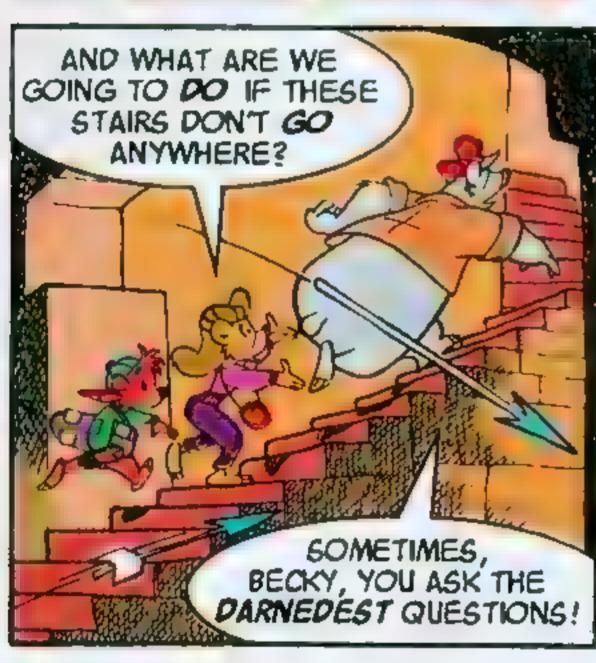


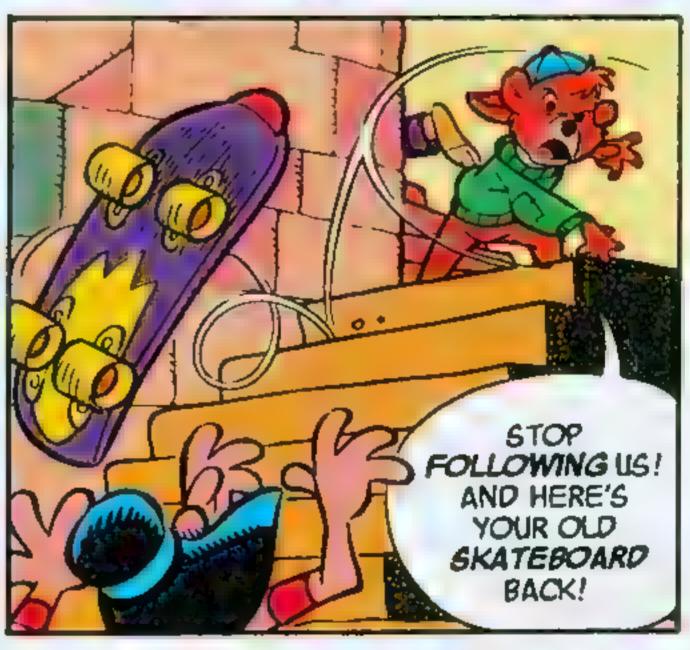






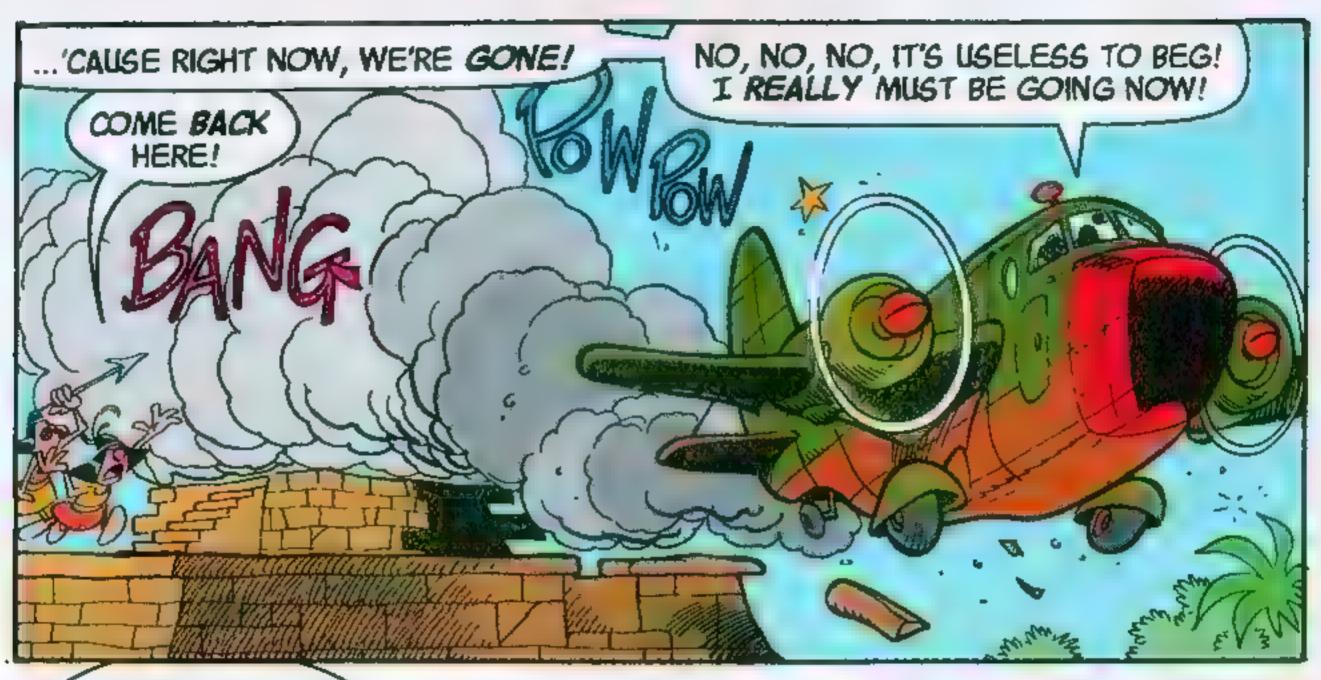


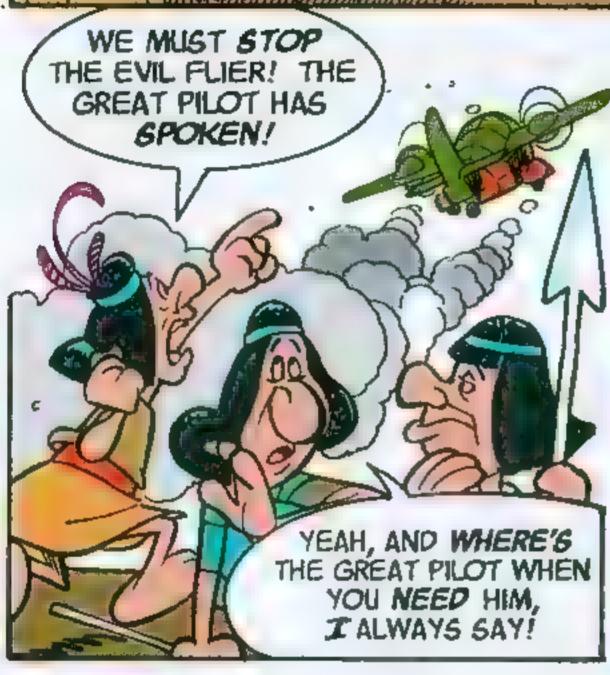










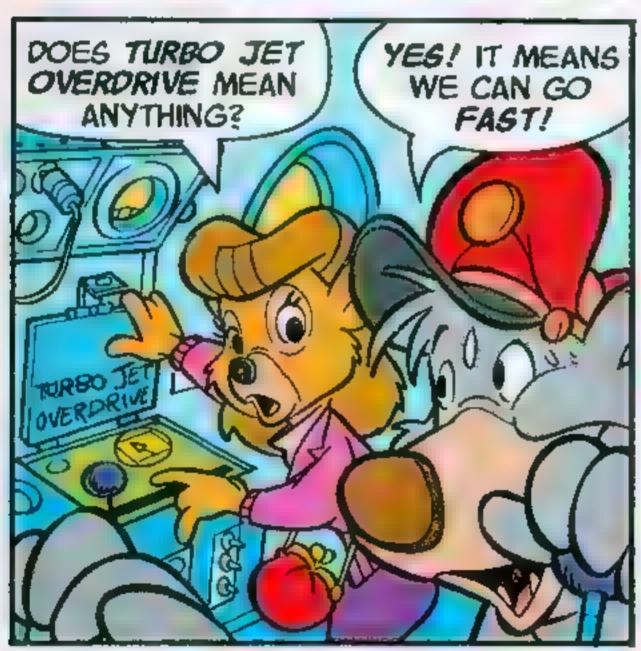








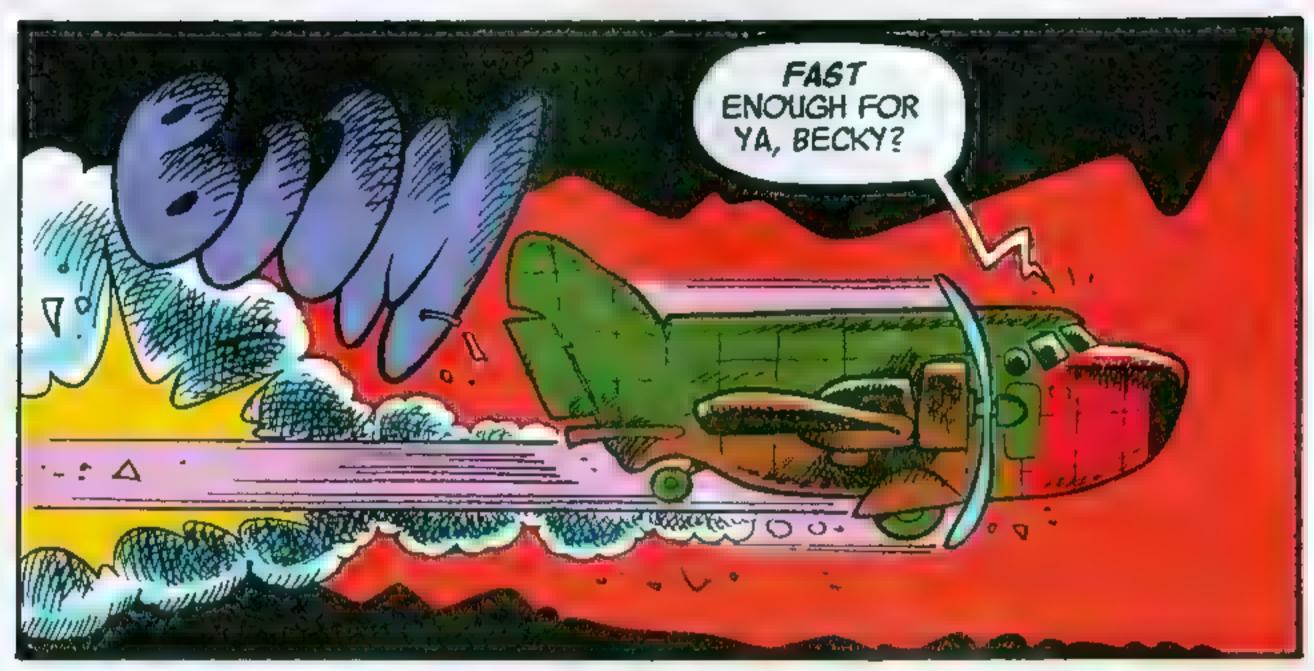


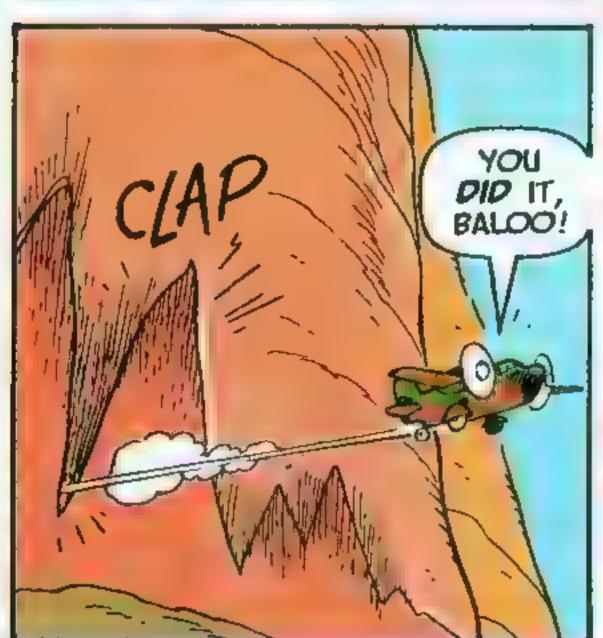






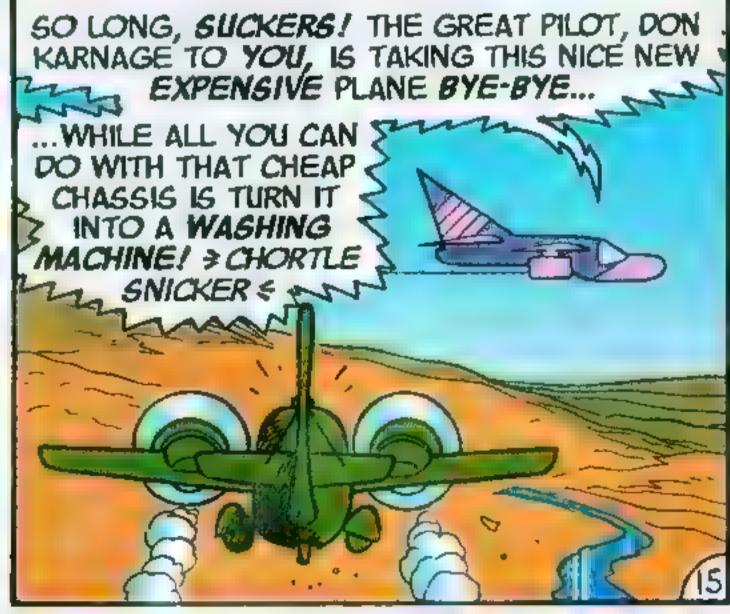






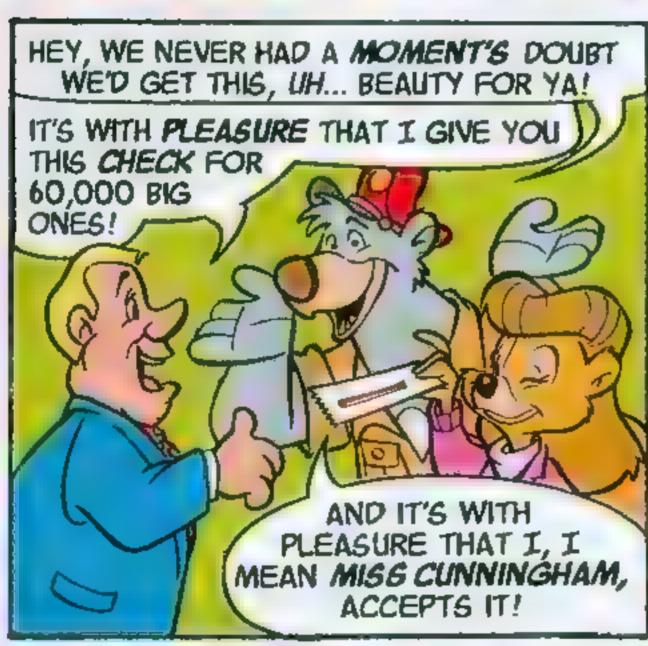




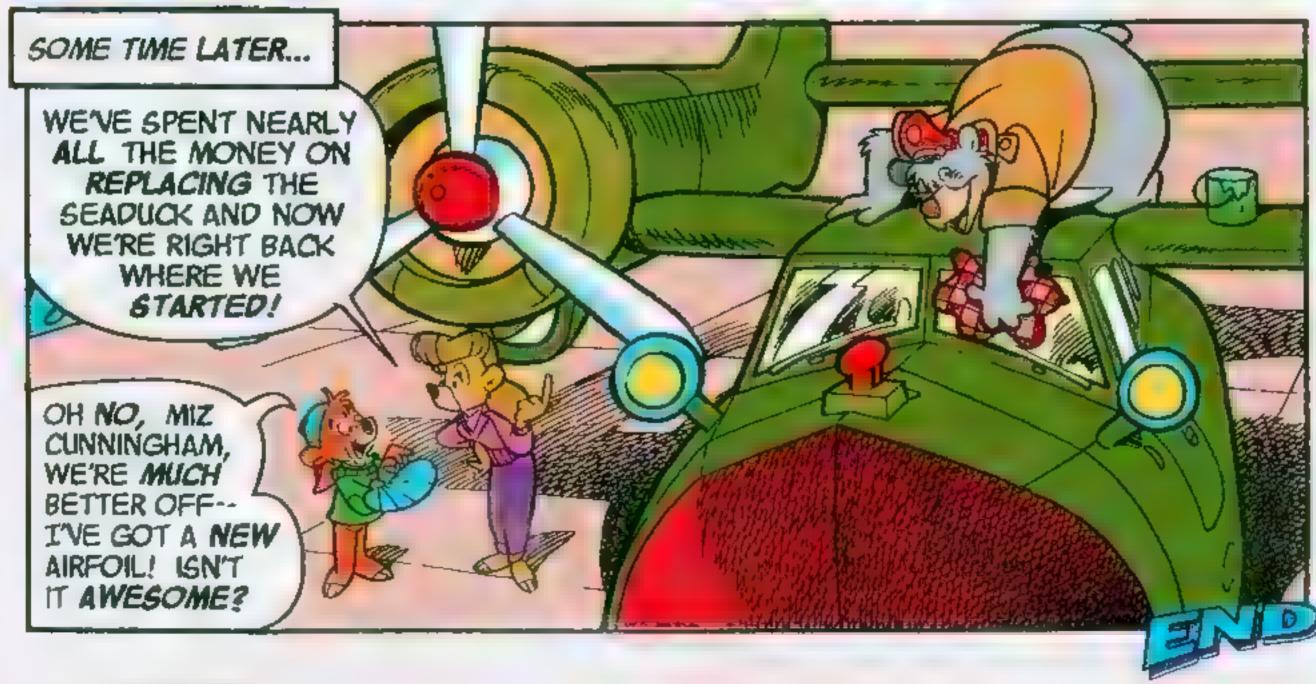














AT COMIC SHOPS AND NEWSTANDS!

## GHEW

### "Grrrollup!"

There goes your stomach again, somewhere in natural history class. You know, just before lunch? And as the minutes tick by, your insides sound more like the local zoo than a normal human.

"Urrrrllog!"...
it's getting
louder. Other
kids are looking
at you. Earplugs
might help but
instead you start
daydreaming about

what might be packed inside your lunchbox or bag. Maybe this is your lucky lunch day. Burp.

The bell rings and you fly to the lunchroom. There you unfold your lunch treat only to discover that your mother (your friend!) has packed a (gross, gag!) liverwurst sandwich on crustless white sponge bread, a soft red and yellow apple and a brown banana. Oink!

Well, guess what? Lunch life

# POWER PUNCH YOUR LUNCH!



doesn't have to be this way! You or your Mom can create amazing school lunches if you want. Here are some of my favorites:

### Lucky tuna power-pasta.

Mix pasta
squiggles, broccoli,
tomato, tuna, bell
peppers, green
beans, kidney beans,
scallions, hardcooked eggs and
oil and vinegar
dressing. Major
power!

### Apple/banana smartý-wich.

Put sliced apples and bananas on whole wheat toast and top them with brown sugar and cinnamon.

Mmmm.....Smart!

### Custom cheese and fruit nutwich.

Smear cream cheese and sprinkle chopped unsalted peanuts on date-nut bread, topped with cinnamon apple slices.

Totally nutty!

---Merrill Shindler



Did you ever think it was weird to buy things with paper bills or metal coins? It wasn't always this way. Before we had money, people used to trade things. (This is called "bartering.") It would be like trading your baseball cards for a Nintendo game.

But suppose some people bought groceries with blue jeans — and others used comic books! It could get confusing.

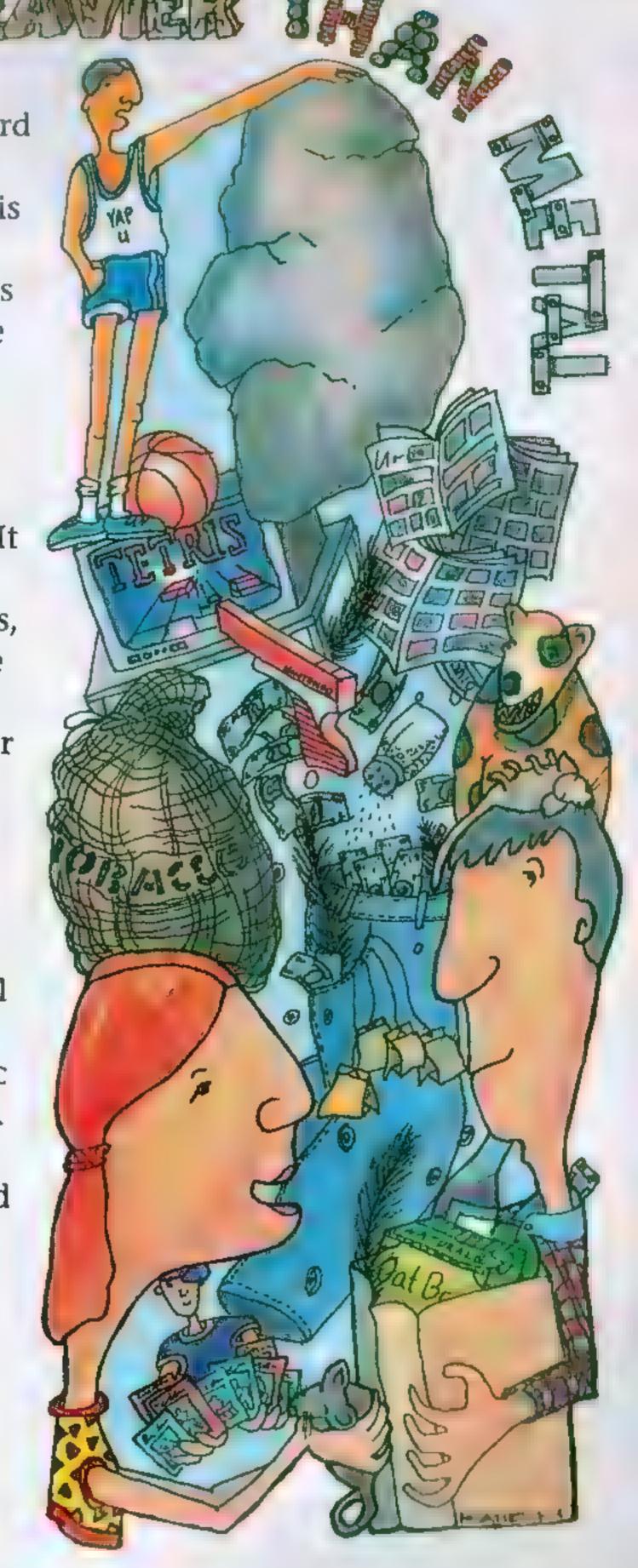
Eventually people realized this, so they decided to barter with the same thing. Once you trade the same thing, it becomes money (or currency). Throughout history people used lots of things as money: salt, tea, tobacco, dog's teeth—even dead rats!

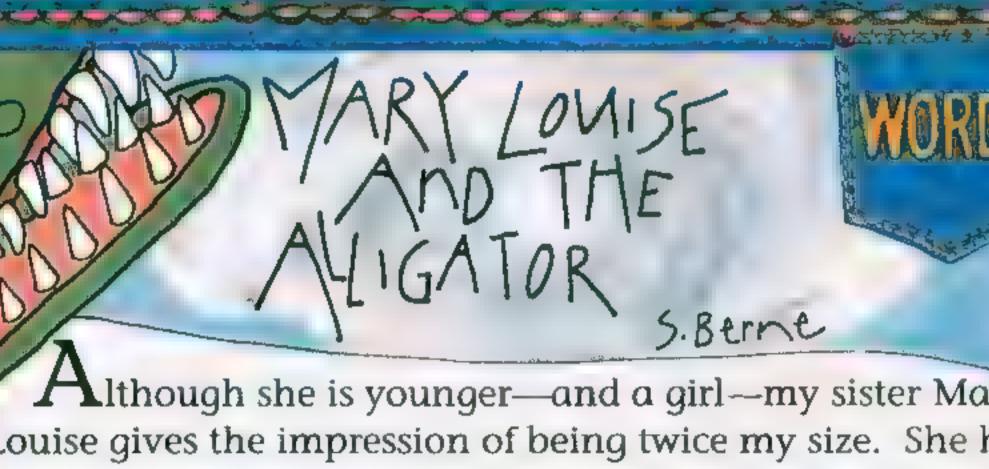
The heaviest money ever used were stones as tall as a basketball player and weighing over 500 pounds! The people of the Pacific island of Yap bartered with these.

The lightest money belonged to the people on the Pacific island of Santa Cruz. They bartered using feathers.

And money is still changing. Australia plans to switch from paper money to plastic. Next stop, Spandex.

—Neale Godfrey





Although she is younger—and a girl—my sister Mary Louise gives the impression of being twice my size. She has red hair that stands up like radar and feet the size of rowboats. She has muscles like Rambo. Plus, she is mean. I have seen her pull the heads off her dolls like she is taking the lid off a jar. She can throw a ball a hundred miles an hour, and she can pinch you so hard that two hours later the pinch marks are still there.

Last spring Mom took us to New Orleans. She kept saying how the food was so great. I'm allergic to things like shrimp gumbo, crawfish jambalaya and deep-fried frog's legs. Even if I wasn't allergic, I wouldn't touch stuff like that —it's like eating out of your aquarium. Of course, Mary Louise, who can eat nails if she wants to, was thrilled to death. Our first night there she devoured 13 catfish cakes with ketchup, two plates of fried okra and four pieces of praline pie à la mode, then asked if we could order a pizza.

The next morning, she woke me up by jumping on my bed and breathing on me. When I opened my eyes, she gave me her most terrifying smile. Two years ago, she knocked out both her front teeth falling off our jungle gym while trying to do a one-arm handstand from the top bar. She had to get false teeth, which she can slide out with her tongue. She drops her teeth at me all the time, especially on mornings when I'm not feeling well. Like this particular morning. "Go away," I told her. "I'm sick."

Get up, Mr. Selfish!" bellowed Mary Louise, who, incidentally, has a voice like a jackhammer. She bounced on my bed so hard the rest of the hotel probably thought it was an earthquake.

"Mommy says we're going on a steamboat cruise up the Mississippi and you have to get

up!" Then she jumped off my bed and ran out of the room laughing.

Since I couldn't think what else to do, I got up and pulled on a pair of green shorts and an orange T-shirt that purposely did not match. Let everybody else have a good time; I wouldn't enjoy New Orleans if you paid me a million bucks.

Our steamboat was a copy of a paddlewheel riverboat like the ones in *Huckleberry Finn*. Paint was peeling off the side of the boat. Peanut shells were thrown all over the decks. Three guys who looked like The Terminator in shorts lounged around in reflector sunglasses with "*Natchez* crew" on their T-shirts. I headed straight for the snack bar.

"Don't you want to sit on the upper deck?" said Mom.
"You get a better view."

"Who cares," I said.

"It stinks down here," said Mary Louise. "I'm gonna barf." She dropped her false teeth at me, then batted her eyes at the crew guys and gave them a goofy grin like she had just won the Miss America contest.

"We are going to sit upstairs, Clarence Furman, and that's that." Mom grabbed my arm. People had begun crowding onto the boat: men in baseball caps, kids with crew cuts, old grandmas in blue plastic horn-rimmed glasses carrying instamatic cameras. We climbed to the top deck and sat down in the first row of metal chairs. "Isn't this exciting?" she said, as a horn blew twice and the boat pulled away from the dock.

"I'm excited," said Mary Louise, sitting back in her metal chair. "This river is Bee-u-ti-ful." She opened her canvas shoulder bag, slipped out a candy bar and jammed half of it into her mouth. Chocolate smeared all over her chin and on her pink shirt.

"Pig," I said.

"Clarence," said Mom. Mary Louise made a face at me like she was eating sand.

"HELLO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN," came a voice over the

loudspeaker. "THIS IS CAP'N RIVER RAT MOODGE, YOUR GUIDE TODAY ON THIS ADVENTUROUS TRIP DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI. WE'LL BE GOING INTO GATOR COUNTRY. SO KEEP A LOOK-OUT FOR SOME MEAN VARMINTS." "I'd love to see an alligator," said Mom. "Maybe we'll get a picture of one to send to Granny. Wouldn't that be nice?" "Gag," I said. Although, to tell you the truth, I actually liked being on the boat, watching the shore go by, being on the same river where Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn grew up. But I couldn't figure out how to stop being mad without looking dumb, so I kept frowning and kicked a paper cup that rolled by my feet. "You're impossible," said Mom. She started talking to an old couple in matching blue windbreakers who were sitting on the other side of Mary Louise. All four of them got up and went to stand at the railing. Mom pointed at houses along the river, at swampy-looking trees, oil rigs, cows and long-necked birds. Mary Louise paraded around, waiting to get attention for being the ugliest girl in the United States. Finally, the old woman turned and smiled at her. There was her big chance; Mary Louise smiled back and flipped out her false teeth. The old woman jumped. "Mary Louise!" Mom yelled. She yanked Mary Louise by the arm and dragged her over to where I was sitting. "I've had it with both of you," she said in that scary voice mothers get when they're really mad. "Acting like babies. I wish I'd left you both at home. If you don't start behaving better, I'm putting us all on the next plane back to Cleveland." She gave us one last furious look, then walked back over to the old couple at the railing. Behind us, the boat horn blew again. Mary Louise stuck out her tongue and crossed her eyes at me. "LOOK QUICK LADIES AND GENTLEMEN," boomed Captain Moodge a few minutes later over the loudspeaker. "THAT'S A GATOR TO YOUR LEFT RIGHT BESIDE THE BANK. LOOKS LIKE A LOG WITH EYEBALLS. SEE THE JAWS ON THAT FELLA!"

Louise. I wanted to see the alligator, too, but as Mom began pulling her camera out of her purse, I decided if I got up she'd think I was sorry for being rotten. She was busy pointing out the alligator to the old couple, and hardly noticed when Mary Louise snatched the camera out of her hands and scrambled away to the front of the boat.

"BIG VARMINT, ALL RIGHT. 'BOUT EIGHT FEET LONG. WE'RE GONNA SLOW THE BOAT SO EVERYBODY CAN GET SOME PICTURES."

The engines cut back. The boat rocked. And as the sides dipped, I stretched my neck to see the alligator in spite of myself. The boat rocked again. Mary Louise was perched on the railing, sitting on the top bar with one foot hooked around the lower,

"Man overboard!" boomed Captain Moodge over the loudspeaker. "Someone Throw a preserver!"

squinting through the camera, getting a photo for Granny as an example of good behavior. Then we could stay in New Orleans and she could eat 300 more catfish cakes.

"Mary Louise?" I heard Mom shout, and right then, at that same exact moment, Mary Louise's red hair disappeared over the railing.

The first people to move were the old couple. The old woman collapsed against the old man; they both staggered backwards into a row of metal chairs. "My baby!" shrieked Mom, her arms outstretched. I ran through the chairs and pushed my way to the railing next to her. Together we saw Mary Louise surface. She began swimming away from the boat toward shore, still clutching the camera. Mary Louise is a good swimmer; she could swim across the Atlantic if she thought a big meal would be waiting on the other side. Two crew members came running down the deck.

"MAN OVERBOARD!" boomed Captain Moodge over the loudspeaker. "SOMEONE THROW A LIFE PRESERVER!"

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"Where is he?" yelled a crew guy. Mom pointed to Mary Louise swimming toward the mud bank, doing a strong dog paddle. Just then, something moved below the bank. "The alligator!" screamed Mom. She clutched the railing and would have jumped over herself if I hadn't held onto her skirt.

Splash! The crew guy had jumped overboard and was heading for Mary Louise and the alligator. She was still dog paddling toward shore. When he grabbed her, she seemed suprised to see someone else in the water, like she'd always expected to have the Mississippi all to herself. Ahead of them waited the alligator, green and evil, its open jaws as pink as bubblegum.

Mom and I were both crying by then. "He'll eat them," I wailed, sounding about five years old. "Somebody save them!"

"Relax, kid," said a big guy with a moustache standing behind me. He was drinking a soda. "That's a fake alligator," he burped. "Plastic and remote control."

Captain Moodge stopped the Natchez altogether. A rope ladder was lowered over the side. Mary Louise and the crew guy swam up together, Mary Louise coughing and tangled up in the camera strap. When she was finally lifted onto the deck, looking smaller than usual, I surprised myself by bursting into tears all over again. I was so happy she was alive. In a zillion years, I never thought I'd be so thrilled to see Mary Louise.

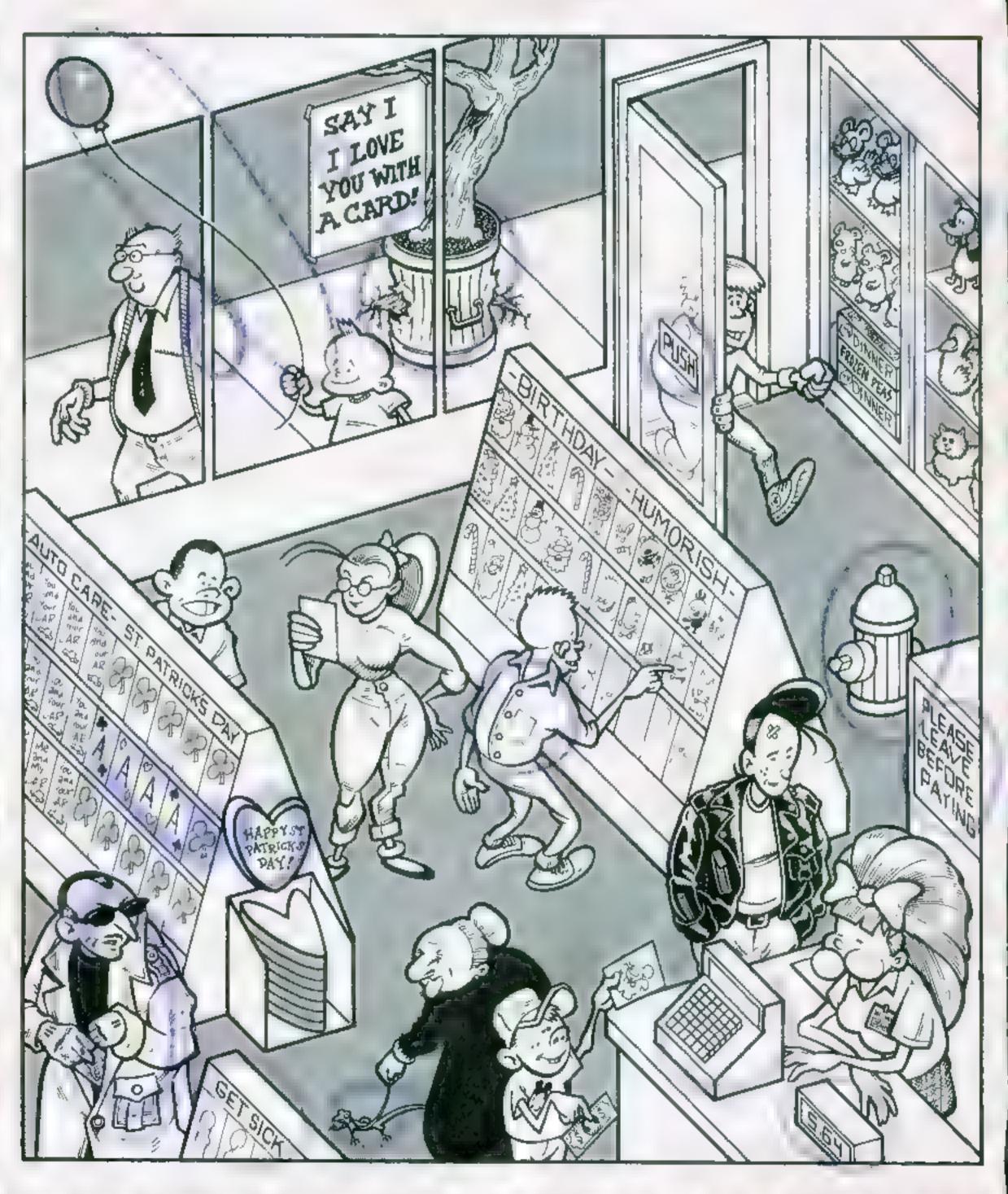
And for the next two days, I didn't even mind when Mary Louise got everyone's attention for being the girl who fell into the Mississippi. I didn't even mind when Mom bought her every chili dog, every ice cream cone, every piece of praline pie in New Orleans. I even smiled when Mary Louise dropped her teeth at me.

She is my sister, after all.



### PLAYING CARDS

Can you spot 15 or more mistakes in this card store scene?



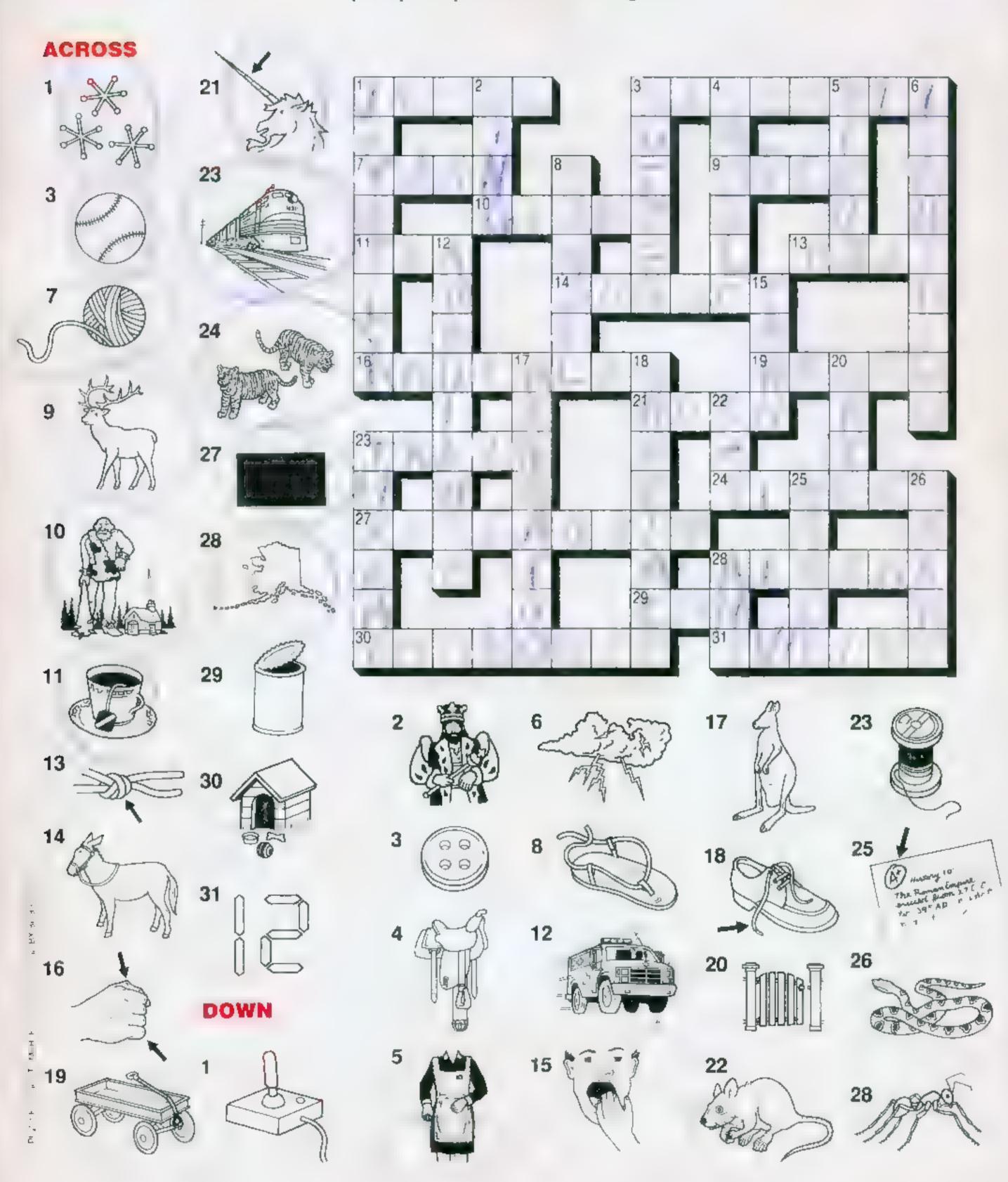
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Seven mini dinosaurs are hiding from the two big dinosaurs in this scene. Can you spot them?



### PICTURE CROSSWORD

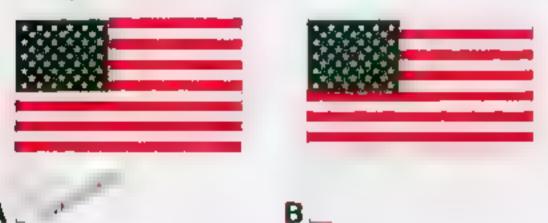
To solve this crossword, enter the name of each object in its proper place in the grid.



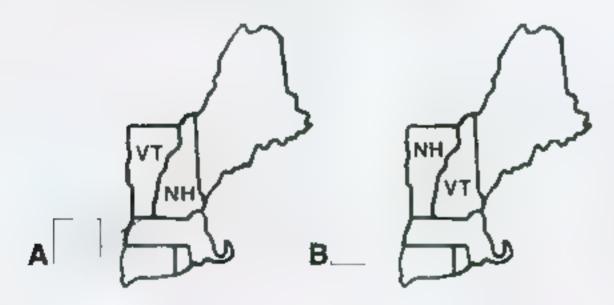
### CONFUSABLES

Even when we see something every day, we don't always pay enough attention to remember it clearly. Test yourself on these U.S. flags, maps, and money. Put an X in the box by the choice you think is correct, and see if you can avoid getting confused.

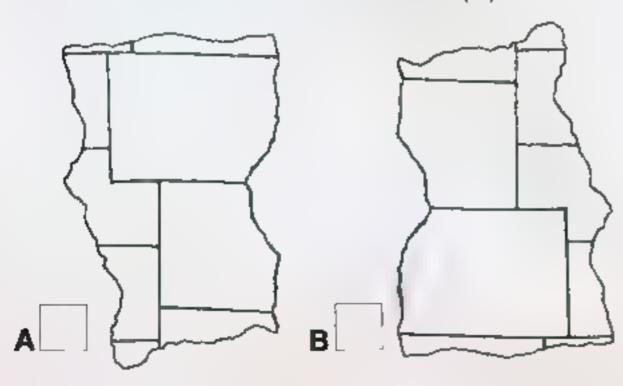
 Does the U.S. flag have 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes, or 6 red stripes and 7 white stripes?



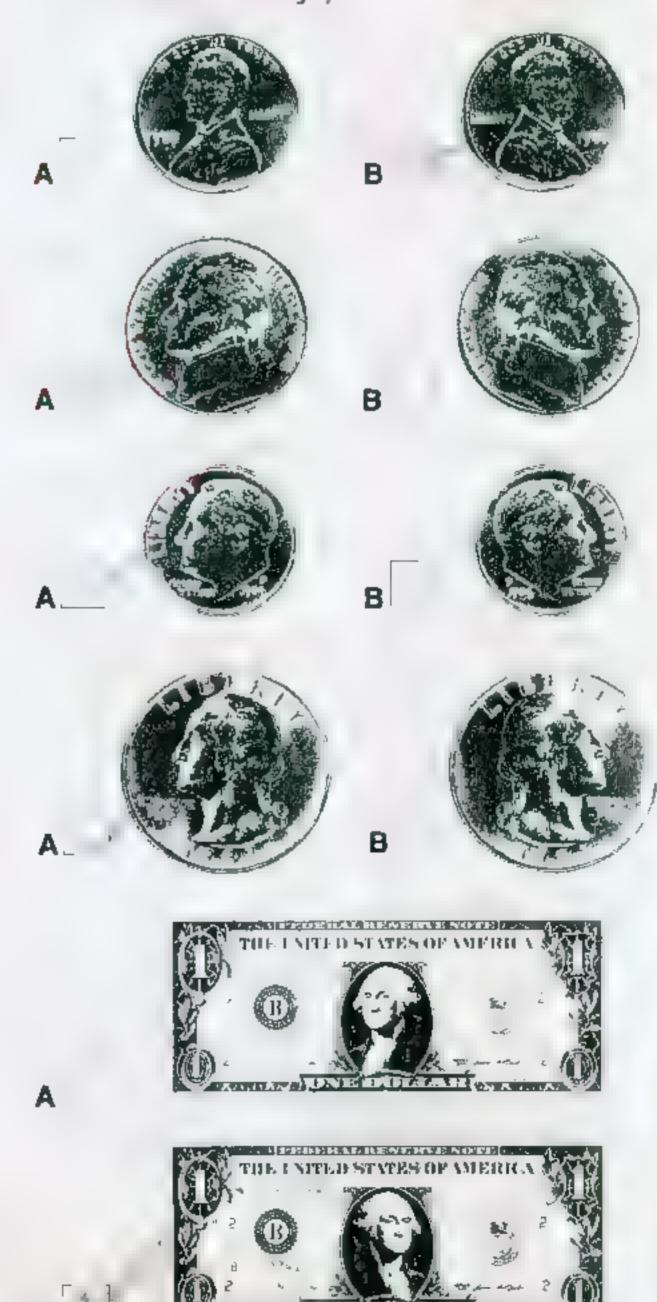
On which map are Vermont (VT) and New Hampshire (NH) correctly labeled?



3. The same sections of two U. S. maps showing state outlines have been torn out. Which one is right-side up (that is, placed so that north is at the top)?



 On the U.S. penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar bill, which way do the presidents face? (Hint: They don't all face the same way.)



### PUZZLING FILL-INS

How many of these "double Z" words can you identify? Put one letter on each blank.

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1.	Bumble bee's sound	BU	Z	Z					
2.	Soda pop bubbles	EI	Z	Z					
3.	Type of music	3 F	Z	Z					
4.	Pie topped with tomato sauce and cheese	27	Z	Z	A				
5.	How you'll feel if you spin around too fast	12 1	Z	Z	I				
6.	Soft, like a teddy bear	F	Z	Z	1	W			
7.	Curly hair, sometimes	FI	5 L	Z	Z	1			
8.	Part of a gas pump	NO	_ Z	Z	6	The same of			
9.	Sound made by frying bacon	2 1	_ Z	Z	1	5			75
10.	Device to keep a dog from biting	MU	_ Z	Z	1	E			JZZLE
11.	Vulture-like bird	P 1	Z	Z	E	RE			BY AN
12.	Light rain	L L	1	Z	Z	1 6			DREA
13.	Stick used to stir drinks	SY	AT	Z	Z	4	5		CARLA
14.	Big bear		4	Z	Z	1		~	moon
15.	Severe snowstorm	PI	A	Z	Z	E	5	D	813

#### **ANSWERS:**

#### **PLAYING CARDS**

We found 20 errors: 1) Man outside store disappears in window. 2) Kid's balloon comes inside store. 3) Tree growing out of trash can. 4) Door with "push" sign opens wrong way. 5) Stuffed ducks have ears. 6) Frozen foods section. 7) Fire hydrant in store. 8) Christmas cards are in birthday section. 9) Man's shirt is on backward. 10) Heart-shaped boxes are labeled for St. Patrick's Day. 11) "Humorish" section. 12) "Auto care" section. 13) "Get Sick" section. 14) Aces in St. Patrick's Day cards. 15) Woman is walking lizard. 16) Cash register faces out. 17) Digital clock reads 5:64. 18) Sign "Say I I love you with a card" has two I's. 19) Sign says to leave before paying. 20) Someone is shoplifting, and we all know that's wrong!

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1.	A	nickel A
2.	A	dime A
3.	В	quarter A
4.	penny B	dollar B

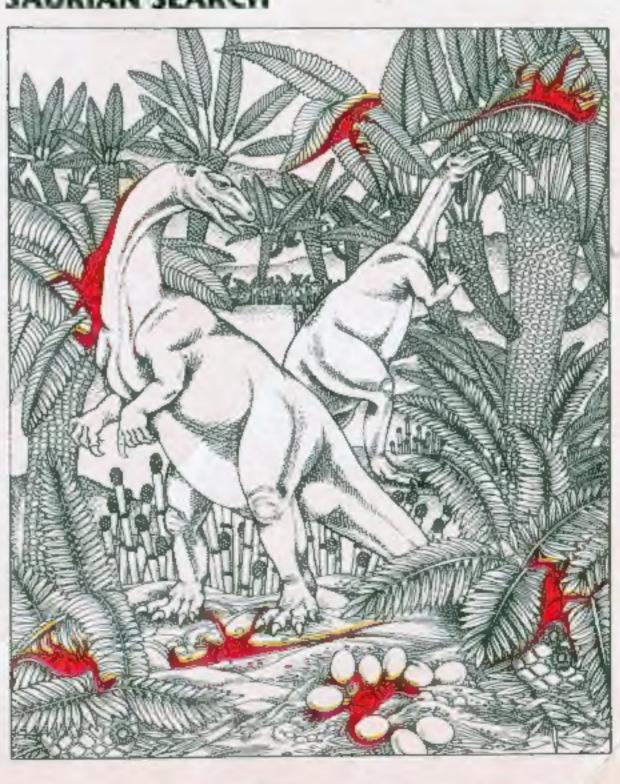
#### **PUZZLING FILL-INS**

1.	buzz	6. fuzzy	11. buzzard
2.	fizz	7. frizzy	12. drizzle
3.	jazz	8. nozzle	13. swizzle
4.	pizza	9. sizzle	14. grizzly
	dizzy	10. muzzle	15. blizzard

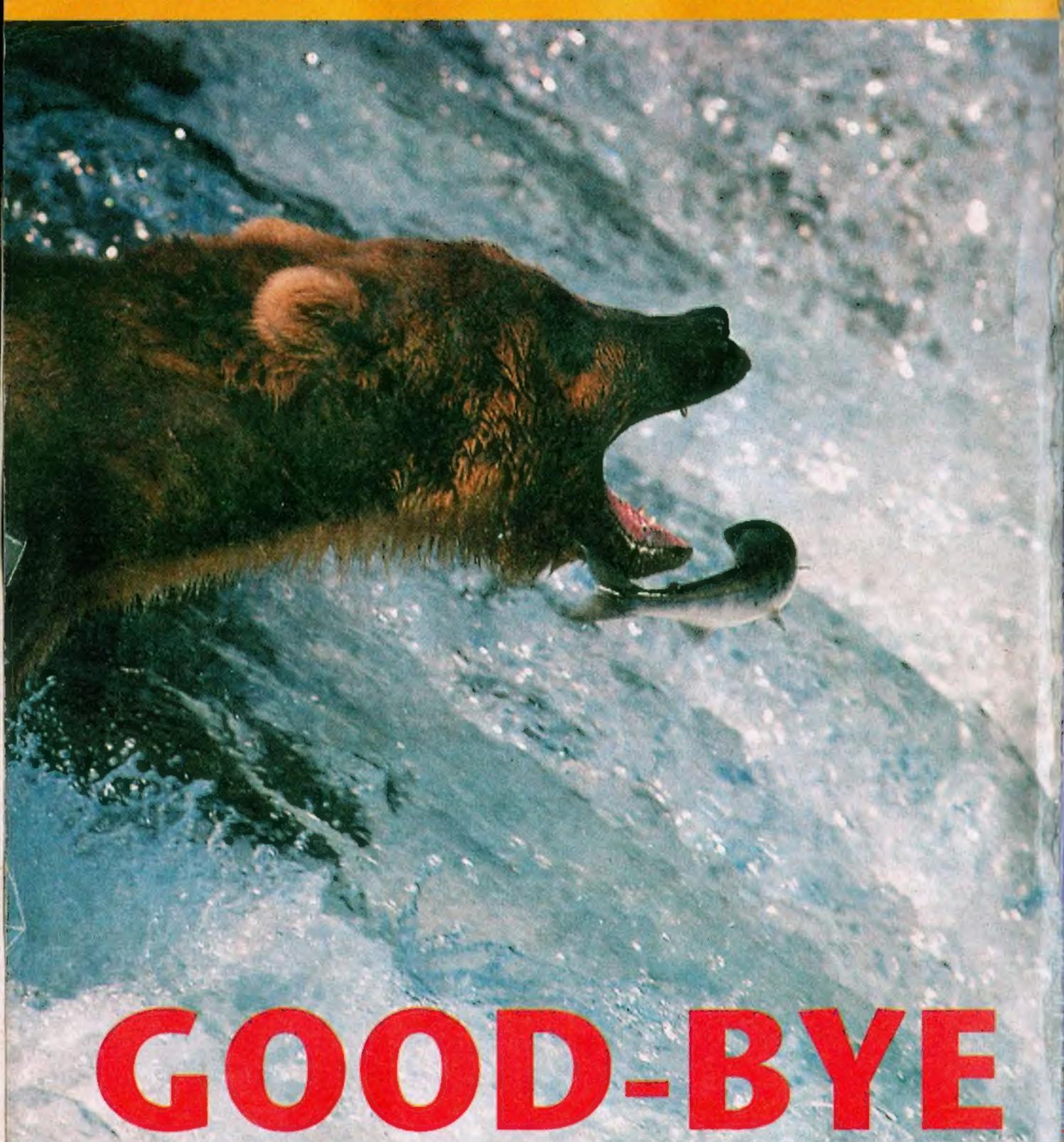
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